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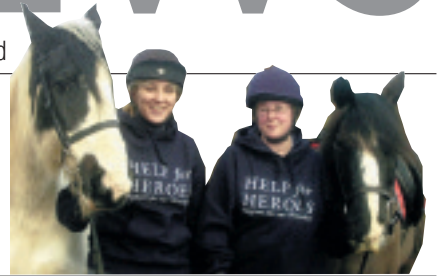
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Market traders in stalls victory



Running water: Katie Gallagher, pictured with her children Grace and Jim, says running water from a broken stopcock has made her life a misery for more than a week. See story – Page 3.

JUBILANT market traders are celebrating victory after escaping East Cambridgeshire District Council's (ECDC) savage cost-cutting measures.

Ely's markets have been given a last-minute temporary reprieve from the cuts, much to the delight of stallholders and shoppers across the region.

The decision was made at the full council budget meeting on Tuesday night, causing dozens of traders who had attended to cheer.

And the markets were the only aspect of the authority's proposed cuts to be saved.

Jane Howell, founder of the Support Ely Market campaign, was "over the moon" with the decision.

The turnaround came after more than 5,870 people signed the campaign's petition.

At the meeting, leader Cllr Fred Brown was blasted by members of his own authority for the way traders had been treated.

Liberal Democrat councillors Hazel Williams and Gareth

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Wilson accused Cllr Brown and his Conservative colleagues of "rubber stamping" decisions without consulting those affected by them.

Cllr Williams added: "We wouldn't even be having this debate if the council had done what it should have done in the first place and that is talk to the market traders about the proposals that were put forward."

The decision to temporarily save the markets was made after Cllr Brian Ashton proposed a motion to hold off introducing the cuts.

Instead of the proposals, which could have seen traders being forced to buy their own stalls and erect them themselves in a bid to strip £31,000 from the council's budget for 2010/11, will now be put on hold while traders are consulted.

Speaking outside the meeting, Mrs Howell added: "All our hard work has finally paid off and I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for their support."

Not everyone in the Ely area will be celebrating however.

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Children get messy making 'monsters' at reserve



Painting pictures: above, Kieran Jakes, aged 3, and right Holly Monk, aged 5, with her mum Karen.
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CHILDREN were able to unleash their wild side at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve. Youngsters visited the reserve last Friday for its "Messy Monsters" half-term event. Families got messy in the centre's craft area by making all sorts of creepy crawlies and creations. Children were also read some wildlife stories and shown an array of animals

that live on the reserve. Karen Staines, learning officer at the reserve, said: "We were really pleased with how the event went. "It was fully booked and children seemed to have a great time. "The monster trail went down particularly well, as well as the stories." For more information about events at the reserve, call (01353) 720274 or visit www.wicken.org.uk



Fashion show with a kick to it

A COLOURFUL fashion show is being held at Witchford Village College next weekend.

The 'Fashion Show with a Difference' will take place on Saturday, March 6. As well as models strutting their stuff on the catwalks, there will also be comedy shows, performances from the Feathers School of Dance and kick boxing from the East Anglia Kick Boxing group. The fun-filled show is running from 7-9pm, with doors opening at 6.30pm. Tickets are £2.50 for adults and £1 for children. For tickets, visit Ely's Burrows Bookshop, Feathers School of Dance, Sigma Embroidery or Witchford Social Club in Elm Close. Alternatively, call (01353) 863049 or (01353) 669798.

Chance for free fun at village school

EAST Cambridgeshire District Council's mobile play scheme will roll into Strettham on Saturday.

A whole host of free indoor activities will take place at the village primary school where everyone is welcome between noon and 4pm.

The project is part of the district council's aim to encourage children and young people to enjoy play as a way to keep fit and healthy.

Children under the age of eight years will need to be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Lewis Bage on (01353) 665555 or email lewis.bage@eastcambs.gov.uk

Charity sale is on the move

A FUNDRAISING newly new sale has become so popular that its organisers have had to find larger premises to cater for the crowds.

The Isle of Ely branch of the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) will be holding its next sale at the City of Ely Community College on Saturday, March 13, from 10.15am-12.30pm.

The sale raises money for the NCT which provides parents with the opportunity to buy top quality clothes, toys and accessories for babies and toddlers in "nearly new" condition at knock down prices.

The charity also provides antenatal classes, baby groups, training for antenatal teachers and a breastfeeding counsellor across the Ely area.

Sarah Bell, chairman of the Isle of Ely NCT branch, said: "We are very excited about moving our sales to this new bigger venue and hope it will prove to be an even better and bigger event than before as a result."

Take the plunge and raise cash

HARDY souls are invited to take an outdoor dip to raise money for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

The Mother's Day Dip and Nip will take place at Mepal Outdoor Centre on Sunday, March 14.

Annie Thomas, the charity's event fundraising manager, hopes the event will raise as much as £10,000. She said: "We want teams of friends, families or colleagues to join in and get sponsored for digging out their wildest fancy dress and taking a mad dash into the nippy waters at the Mepal Outdoor Centre." Participants will be asked to pay a registration fee of £10 and then a minimum sponsorship of £50. For more details, call on (01284) 829090 or email annie.thomas@clicsargent.org.uk

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Owner of pits to pay £12k

BUSINESSMAN Jeremy Tyrrell has been ordered to pay £12,000 after failing to remove unauthorised building work from Ely's Roswell Pits.

Mr Tyrrell, the owner of Jalsea Marine Services Ltd, was found guilty of defying an enforcement notice concerning the beauty spot.

He has been given two weeks to pay a fine of £7,000 and court costs of £5,000.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, Mr Tyrrell, who owns the pits, was served with a court summons for defying an enforcement notice issued in 2008.

The businessman had been ordered by East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) to remove cabling, pipe work, concrete slabs and hardcore from the much-loved site by October 1, 2009, as they had been installed without planning permission.

An appeal against the notice was dismissed by a planning inspector early last

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year but the deadline for the remedial work has been breached ever since the order was issued.

Mr Tyrrell was found guilty by trial at Ely Magistrates' Court on Tuesday.

Presiding magistrate Hamish Ross said: "We have seen pictures which clearly show there is unauthorised work still in place at the pits and we therefore find that you are in breach of this enforcement notice."

Members of the Local Campaigners for the Protection of Rural Ely group (LCPRE) have been in uproar ever since the building work was carried out.

Liz Hunter, vice-chair of the group, said: "We are very pleased that magistrates have come to this decision and made Mr Tyrrell pay this amount."

"This is the next step forward to getting the land restored to its former habitat, which obviously is the most

important thing.

"However, we are slightly concerned about when this building work is going to be removed and hope Mr Tyrrell complies with the order as soon as possible."

Roswell Pits was designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) last year as the pits are home to one of the UK's rarest birds, bitterns, as well as other important species of wildlife.

Mr Tyrrell is also appealing against the SSSI- issued by Natural England- which is currently being dealt with by the High Court.

David Archer, executive director of development services at ECDC, said: "We take no pleasure in the verdict in this case as we always hope to resolve issues through meetings and discussions.

"However, we hope this sends a strong message to developers just how seriously we take unauthorised development and we hope the owner will now comply with the notice."



Petition: from left, Jane Howell, founder of the Support Ely Market campaign, Peter Rayer, ECDC customer services leader, Helen Sarkies, Mick Stimson and Tina Coulson with a petition signed by 5,870 people supporting their cause.

Council agrees to budget cuts to save £1.65 million

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The cash-strapped authority needs to save £1.65million over the next 12 months, and by 23 votes to 15, agreed to:

■ Cut £750,000 from the staff budget. All 220 staff are currently in the middle of a six-week consultation period to have their say about redundancies. Every-one from the council's chief executive to the street sweeping teams could be affected. The council is also saving £156,500 by freezing staff salaries.

■ Save £129,000 by scrapping the kerbside plastic bottle collection.

■ Save £35,000 on CCTV by reducing transmission and monitoring costs. The

police will also be asked for a financial contribution.

■ Stripping £25,000 from the annual budget of ADeC, the region's arts provider.

■ Saving £20,000 through the reduction of grant schemes for community infrastructure, targeting villages without Section 106 contributions with populations greater than 800.

■ Ending its historic building grants programme to save £50,000.

Cllr Fred Brown insisted the authority had drawn up the best budget it could.

Speaking to the *Weekly News*, he said: "There will be people out there who

think we could have done more to save money elsewhere but that is truly not the case.

"ECDC has done the absolute best it can to draw up the best possible budget for 2010/11 and I think we have achieved that.

"The cuts are painful but sadly, necessary and it is impossible for anyone to say the recession has hit not only East Cambridgeshire, but the whole country, hard.

"By tackling these problems now, we hope to set the district on a firm financial footing, ready for the growth which will inevitably return to East Cambridgeshire."

Man fined over cannabis plants

POLICE raided the home of a former heroin addict five times in five months – and got lucky on their sixth visit.

Officers found two cannabis plants being grown in a cupboard at Simon Clarke's home in Meadow Close, Witchford, when they executed a warrant on January 6, Cambridge Magistrates' Court heard.

The 35-year-old pleaded guilty to producing the class B drug and breaching a conditional discharge which had been imposed last year for stealing tracksuit bottoms.

Clarke told the court: "I'm an ex-heroin addict and up until eight months ago I was still using it. "My house had been raided five times in five months and every time they came round I wasn't doing anything.

"I was stupid to have the plants because I could lose my flat – my girlfriend told me not to do it but sometimes I don't think."

Magistrates fined Clarke £65 for the drugs charge and ordered him to pay £100 costs.

No separate penalty was imposed for the breach of the conditional discharge.

Cash taken

A THIEF has stolen cash from a property in Ely's Broad Street. The victim left the back door unlocked and the suspect stole cash from a cupboard in the kitchen.

The incident happened some time between 7.15am and 9.20am last Thursday.

Anyone who saw anything suspicious should call police on 0345 4564564.

Sale raises £500

BOOKWORMS have helped to raise more than £500 for the Viva Youth Theatre group in Soham. Hundreds of people visited the centre over the weekend for its "Giant Pre-owned Book Sale". Selling everything from classic hardbacks to modern children's tales, the event attracted people from across the region.

The money raised from the sale will help run Viva's various community projects.

The next sale has been arranged for the weekend of April 17-18. For more information, call the centre on (01353) 722228.

Family hits out over flood outside home

A FAMILY have been struggling to get in and out of their home for almost a week due to flooding outside the front door.

Katie and Mike Gaskin, from Sutton, are slamming utility company Anglian Water for ignoring their "horrendous" situation.

The couple, who live in Park Road with their two children, Jim, 4, and Grace, 1, are even struggling to heat their home and use running water because of the problems.

The drama started on Monday, February 8, when Mrs Gaskin spotted the stopcock at the front of their house was leaking.

She called Anglian Water, which is responsible for the stopcock, but by the following

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Monday, February 15, still nobody had been out to assess the situation.

The following day, after continuous calls from the family, an engineer visited their home while nobody was in and fitted a cap on the stopcock.

However, last Friday water started to gush from the stopcock and fill their front driveway.

Again, they called Anglian Water to report the flooding but nobody from the firm has responded.

Mrs Gaskin said: "We have been calling every day, non stop but still they have done nothing about it.

"I feel like I'm constantly being fobbed off about it yet still there is a mini lake outside our

front door.

"The water is literally flowing in front of our property and even down the road.

"It's even going in next door's garage.

"We can't even get out of our own front door."

The damaged stopcock is also affecting what the family can do inside their home.

Mrs Gaskin added: "Since Friday, the water pressure has been terrible. Running a bath for the kids would literally take hours and the washing machine can't even cope, which is horrendous.

"The heating is also not functioning normally because of the low pressure so we are desperate for this situation to be sorted."

After being contacted by the *Weekly News*, Anglian Water said it would deal with the problem straight away.

Inquiry to start into store battle

THE Planning Inspectorate will be visiting a massive furniture store on the outskirts of Littleport next week.

Steven Layn, the owner of The Home, located on the Saxon Business Park off the A10, is preparing for the visit on Wednesday.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the major furniture outlet could be closed down as council chiefs say Mr Layn has breached planning conditions.

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) served the store with a joint stop and enforcement notice last year because it believes the site is being illegally used as a retail business.

However, Mr Layn lodged an appeal against the notices and

launched the "Leave The Home Alone" campaign.

Over the months, hundreds of people have signed a petition in a bid to keep the store open, and North East Cambridgeshire MP Malcolm Moss also threw his weight behind the campaign.

Mr Layn has also said ECDC is trying to close his business because it does not want shops in Littleport, but only in Ely.

However, the authority insists it is taking action because of the breach of conditions.

Mr Layn said: "We simply make and sell furniture and we have been treated as though our business is somehow dangerous.

"ECDC has issued both stop and enforcement notices against us. They have refused every

attempt by us to meet with them and discuss a compromise.

"Now a planning inspector will decide which of us has the stronger case. We did not seek this confrontation, but at the same time we have to defend our right to operate a successful business and provide long-term, secure employment."

David Archer, executive director of development services at ECDC, said: "There are some real, significant planning and highway safety issues that need to be considered at the planning hearing next Wednesday. I am sure the planning inspector will hear both sides of the argument and then make his decision."

A decision is expected in the spring.

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Drivers escape injury in crash

MOTORISTS escaped uninjured when two vehicles crashed in Ely on Monday. The incident happened at the junction with Barton Road and Cambridge Road, just before 8.50am.

The road was blocked and police attended the scene.

One of the vehicles was a Vauxhall Corsa and the other was a Vauxhall Vectra.

A police spokesman said there were no injuries involved.

Conservation talk

CONSERVATION areas in Ely will be discussed at a natural history talk next month.

Andrew Balmford, chairman of the Local Campaigners for the Protection of Rural Ely, will give a talk called "Saving Ely's Wildspace" in room 208 on the top floor of the David building of Anglia Ruskin University, in East Road, Cambridge, on March 4 at 7pm.

The event has been organised by Cambridge Natural History Society. All are welcome.

School holds sale

A PRIMARY school in Ely is holding a bumper nearly new sale on Saturday.

The friends of Ely St John's School are running the event in the school hall from 2-3.30pm.

Everything from children's clothes to games to sports equipment will be on sale.

Those who want to put items into the sale should label them with prices and have them at the school between 1-1.30pm.

The school will then give a cheque for 75 per cent of the value of the items sold.

Call (01353) 662332 and a seller's pack will be sent out to you.



Taking aim: Andy Rutherford helps Maureen Akred with archery. Inset, Keith Pavey and wife Val enjoy some table tennis.

Pictures: Keith Jones 628632, 628633 (inset)

Over 55s get active and fit

PENSIONERS from the Littleport area are proving there is no age limit when it comes to keeping fit.

Elderly residents donned their trainers for the launch of the town's new Mature and Active Club last Wednesday.

Following the success of the programme at the Paradise Centre in Ely, people were invited to try out a free taster session at Littleport Leisure Centre.

Participants, who were all aged 55 and above, were able to have a go at everything from archery to aerobics and carpet bowls.

Cllr Allyson Broadhurst, chairman of East Cambridgeshire District Council's community services committee, said: "The Mature and Active programme has become so successful, we feel it is now time to expand the programme. We felt Littleport was a good place to start due to the interest we have had from its residents. The benefits of the programme are significant. People who come along to our sessions are fitter and more active as they try out new activities.

"Once you are part of the programme you tend to lead a healthier lifestyle as well as expand your social circle as you find new friends."

The full weekly programme started yesterday. Each session costs £3. For information, call Lewis Bage at the council on (01353) 665555 or email lewis.bage@eastcamb.gov.uk

Drug-dealing father is spared prison sentence

A YOUNG father who dealt in drugs "to feed his family" has been spared a prison sentence.

David Jeakins, 24, began supplying cannabis to make ends meet after he lost his job at an engineering firm, Cambridge Crown Court was told.

The court heard how the father of two bought large bags of cannabis, packaged it into smaller amounts and sold it at a £300 profit a bag for six months.

But the drug enterprise was ended by police when officers raided his home in The Brambles, Littleport, on February 4. They found 92.4 grams of cannabis, with a street value of

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£528, and £215 in cash.

Sara Walker, prosecuting, said Jeakins immediately confessed the details of the drug dealing enterprise during his police interview.

She said: "He said he had been selling drugs for about six months - buying in bulk and selling to local people.

"He only sold to over-25s locally and did not sell to children.

"He sold to people he knew, but once five or six car loads of people had just turned up at his house.

"He knew it was illegal and he said he did it to feed his family."

Jeakins, who has two children aged four and two, admitted possession of a class B drug with intent to supply and producing a class B drug.

Georgina Gibbs, mitigating, said Jeakins had turned to drug dealing because he had no money or benefits coming in after he was laid off from work suffering from ill health.

She said: "He was not driving flashy cars, going on foreign holidays or even taking drugs himself.

"It is a rare that a dealer of drugs will volunteer information about the time he has been dealing.

"This is a person who is genuinely remorseful."

Sentencing Jeakins, Recorder George Leggat QC said: "Possession with intent to supply class B drugs is a serious offence which would normally merit a custodial sentence.

"But you recognise that your decision to start dealing cannabis was a stupid mistake, which you now regret. That it was only going to lead to more harm than good.

"I am confident you have learned your lesson from this experience - that breaking the law will not solve the problems that you may have."

He ordered Jeakins to complete 200 hours of unpaid work in the community.

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Take-away's window smashed twice

A VILLAGE'S Chinese take-away had its window smashed by jobs two days in a row.

The owners of Chow's, on High Street, Haddenham, have branded the culprits as "cowards".

Police are appealing for witnesses after the take-away was targeted on Wednesday, February 17 and Thursday, February 18.

The owners of the premises, who did not want to be named, replaced the window on the

Wednesday but it was then smashed again at around 6pm on the Thursday.

On the second occasion, an open-backed truck pulled up outside and someone threw a stone at the window.

There were staff and customers in the building at the time who were frightened but not injured.

The owners added: "Whoever did this are cowards and think

that smashing our window is a big thing to do."

Pc Rachel Loveridge said there would have been people in the area at the time and appealed for anyone who saw what happened or was in the shop at the time to contact police.

Anyone with information should contact Pc Loveridge on 0345 456 4564, or Crime-stoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.



Ground-breaking exhibition: artist and retained firefighter Emily Haysom with her children Alban Haysom, 7, and Bethany Haysom, 11. Picture: Keith Jones 629090

Travelling community in the frame for exhibition

AN art exhibition launched to help people engage with the region's travelling community has been hailed a great success.

People of all ages visited Ely Fire Station on Monday to learn more about the ground-breaking event.

As previously reported, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service commissioned retained firefighter and artist Emily Haysom to carry out a "social engagement through art" project with travellers in the county.

The aim of the project, entitled "Tea by Invitation", was to create new links with the

travelling community and to bridge understanding between firefighters and travellers, who have been identified as one of the fire and rescue service's "hard to reach" groups.

Emily was invited into travellers' homes to talk about their culture, way of life and views of the fire service, and also took photographs of particular scenes and artefacts that reflect the culture of the travelling community.

The one-day exhibition was opened to the public on Monday.

Matt Murdoch, station manager at Ely Fire

Station said: "The exhibition has given us the opportunity to engage with travellers, which are one of the service's hard to reach groups, and the artwork has been well received by all those who attended.

"The exhibition is only stage one of the project. The next stage will be to use the insight report to review our current practices with a view to improving community safety for travellers and helping them stay safe from fire.

"Our thanks go to the Ely Fire Station crew, who helped to make the event a huge success.

"Their efforts have been greatly appreciated."

I am lucky to be alive, says crash woman

A WOMAN who suffered horrific injuries after being in a crash with a coach has told the *Weekly News* how she is "lucky to be alive".

Catherine Hayden, 54, broke every rib and smashed every bone in her left leg after being crushed by the coach.

Miss Hayden, who lives just outside Ely, was a passenger in her partner's car at the time of the accident.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the crash happened at around 8.30pm on Thursday, February 4.

Miss Hayden's partner was driving their Suzuki Wagon R along the A10 at Littleport when it was in collision with a coach at the junction with Lynn Road.

Emergency services were called to the scene and her partner received treatment for minor injuries.

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However, it took fire crews more than an hour and a half to cut Miss Hayden free from the wreckage.

Her cocker spaniels Tara and Molly were also in the car at the time, but luckily escaped uninjured.

Miss Hayden, who fractured nearly every bone down the left hand side of her body, the side which was hit by the coach, also needed stitches to her head and fractured her left hand.

She said: "Luckily, I cannot remember a thing about it.

"But surgeons say it was touch and go for at least two days following the accident, so I am so lucky to be alive.

"I also knew it took the fire service more than an hour and a half to cut me free.

"I just cannot believe how lucky I've been."

Miss Hayden said she

wanted to thank the emergency services for their "amazing work" - and a local couple who stopped at the scene of the accident.

The couple, who she knows are called John and Elaine and live in Littleport, took Miss Hayden's distressed pets under their wing while she and her partner were being treated at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Not only did they care for them until Miss Hayden's son was able to travel down from Cumbria, they also made her a special get well card featuring pictures of the dogs to make sure she knew they were safe.

Miss Hayden said: "I just couldn't believe it when I received the card in hospital.

"It was the most amazing feeling to know that they were safe and being cared for.

"I just want to thank this amazing, amazing couple.

"They truly have restored my faith in human beings."

Go-kart racing to help cancer charity funds

SPEEDY go-karts will be helping to raise money for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent on Saturday.

A bumper go-kart racing event is being held at Red Lodge Karting, near Bury St Edmunds, in memory of inspirational teenager Liam Fairhurst.

As previously reported, teams have signed up to take part in the "Challenge 15" event not only to raise much-needed cash for the charity but also to mark what would have been Liam's 15th birthday.

Liam, from Soham, died on June 14 last year following a three-year battle with cancer.

The courageous teen raised more than £320,000 for CLIC Sargent during his battle in order to help other youngsters with the illness.

The fundraising kart race will start at 1.30pm. It is too late for people to take part but spectators are welcome to attend and help top up the funds. For more information, visit www.redlodgekarting.com

Fire in old warehouse

ARSONISTS started a rubbish fire inside a derelict warehouse in March.

Two fire crews from the town were called to the property in Queen Street at 5.48pm on Monday. The blaze was under control by 6.23pm. Anyone with information about the incident should call Cambridgeshire police on 0345 4564564.

Theft from yard

AN alloy wheel and engine parts have been stolen from a yard in Littleport.

The items were taken from the yard in Barkhams Lane some time between 3.40pm and 4.10pm on Friday. Anyone with information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Heating oil stolen

HEATING oil has been stolen from a property in Wilburton.

Thieves drained a residential tank in Berristead Close overnight on Friday. Anyone who saw anything suspicious should call police on 0345 4564564.



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WEEKLY NEWS LETTERS

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Madness must be stopped

Sir, So Mr Cowan, Labour candidate, backs the Wicken Fen plan – what a surprise! The Labour Party nailed its anti-farming colours to the mast back in 2001 when it presided over the mass culling of healthy cattle. I was in the US at the time and Americans were truly appalled, as were any of us who had lived through other episodes of foot and mouth.

Mr Cowan has either missed the point or is at odds with Hilary Benn's recent announcement. The Wicken Fen debate is mainly about putting what were two working farms under water. When I spoke to someone at the National Trust, he fobbed me off that one farm had "only been used for growing bulbs". I think that gives an insight into the ignorance that has brought about such an unwise decision. The soil is wonderfully rich and probably more so because of the bulb growing.

Hilary Benn recently announced meetings with farmers about the need to produce a lot more food. This government needs to make up its mind where it stands on farming. Since 2001 thousands of farms have gone to the wall, meanwhile England (vs the rest of the UK) is overpopulated by at least 12 million. Perhaps Messrs Benn and Cowan will tell us how they are to be fed when the oil runs out. Most countries limit the population to fit the country, not the other way round.

Much agricultural land has been put under concrete to accommodate the people who Labour has encouraged to move to the countryside in some mistaken belief that those who live there are privileged and must be brought down a peg or two.

The incredible ignorance and politics of envy have cost us dear. Sadly many who have moved to the countryside, in order to have some peace, show little respect for it. Witness the litter on the side of every road, the vandalism of trees, the increased level of crime and the general lack of respect for the environment.

Now we have a bunch of over paid suits determined to impose their questionable agenda on genuine farming folk.

Using donors' money they have bought two perfectly workable farms in order to put them under water and return the land "to what it was".

Meanwhile, they have imported foreign horses and Highland cattle which are not even native to the Fens.

This plan does not take into consideration that the Fens were once barely populated, but now this government is demanding unrealistic levels of development in our area to accommodate all those people being encouraged to move here.

Does nobody realise that at this rate there will be no countryside, no farms, no peace and no food production?

One can only hope that common sense will prevail and that Mr Benn will put a stop to this madness when he realises how little agricultural land there is for his

belated demands for more food production by our ever decreasing number of farmers.

Name and address supplied.

Trust to create 1,000 allotments

Sir, I do hope that the people who so loudly condemn the National Trust for planning to return land that was once wetland to its original state at Wicken Fen have noted that last week the trust announced its intention of leaving over enough land in estates it owns to create 1,000 allotments by 2012. Two of these allotments areas are in Cambridgeshire at Anglesey Abbey and Wimpole Hall.

The one at Wimpole Hall will be "community supported" which will mean that those who would like to grow their own but may not physically be able to, will be able to work the allotments through a manager.

This seems a very good way to encourage a lot of people to improve their diet, health and psychological well-being by growing their own food and in doing so, connecting with the natural cycle of the growers' year. Not only will these people discover the satisfaction of eating their own produce but it will inevitably lead to them becoming more discerning in their choice of food.

Meanwhile, Wicken Fen can help restore some of the real character of the area on a larger scale, and with it will come more wildlife. Mr Woollard talks of flies, but if we have more predators on flies nesting on the land in the increased reed beds, it will soon be full of bird life to deal with those flies.

Hilary van de Watering
St Mary's Street
Ely

Cash is going to waste

Sir, I read with interest the proposal to stop the plastic kerbside collection. Why stop there?

The singularly most expensive waste of money is the kerbside green collection.

Yes, it generates landfill tax credits but does it do anything for the environment, after all that is surely the object of the exercise.

To spend all this money producing a material that is merely put in the ground is, in my book, just not viable.

At least the plastic bottles are turned into something useable (we hope).

The one material that is recyclable time and time again is cardboard, yet we seem fit to bury it via the green waste.

Green waste is just a convenient way for those who have lawns to get rid of their waste, for free.

A Barker
Tower Road
Ely



Road is named after jockey

Sir, I see that John Cowan, the Labour Parliamentary Candidate for South East Cambridgeshire, has started to take an interest in local concerns. I have no problem with any Johnny-come-latelies. After all, it's a free country – to date – but it might be an idea if Mr Cowan were to realise that his office is in Willie Snaith Road, Newmarket, not "William Snaith Road".

I know this, of course, not only because I use the road regularly, but also because Willie Snaith, MBE, the famous former jockey of Newmarket, is married to Silvia (née Jones), my wife's cousin.

Geoffrey Woollard.
Independent Parliamentary
Candidate for South East
Cambridgeshire
Chapel Farm
River Bank
nr Upware

Attack full of misinformation

Sir, I just could not believe the vitriolic attack that Neil Morrison launched in last week's column of readers letters.

I have to pick over his rant with all the mistakes and misinformation he is peddling.

Jim Paice is simply expressing an opinion that many people hold, they like the way it is now and enjoy the count on the day of the election, so the result is announced quickly, which means the new Government is in place without delay.

The last time I looked at the district list Cllr Morrison represented Littleport West so why is he not directing his complaints to Malcolm Moss MP.

He goes on to accuse the Conservative Party of getting East Cambs into a mess; what a short memory he has. I am sure he would not like to be reminded that the Lib Dems were the largest party in East Cambs until three years ago. The reason they lost control was the Conservative revelation that "The Cupboard was Bare" as the Lib

Dems had frittered away the vast bulk of ECDC reserves. He then accuses the chief executive of verbal embellishments – that's a bit rich coming from him, as a man who must use 20 words when 10 would do.

He persists in dragging over old issues, ones that have been amicably settled, it does no one any good. ADeC are satisfied with the deal agreed with ECDC.

If Cllr Morrison were to be in charge I assume he would just donate public funds to anyone who asked for it, instead of the Conservative way of engaging in hard negotiations to ensure value for money, also to guarantee front line services are maintained.

Finally, he persists in frightening the public into thinking the Conservative Party want to damage the Ely Market. Nothing is further from the truth. We want the Ely Markets to expand, to flourish and to be profitable for all concerned. There should be no handouts to market traders who should be making themselves a profit; they should be like the shops in Ely, stand on their own feet, be independent and not ask for subsidies from public funds.

Cllr Ron Bradney
District Councillor Ely North

Second reunion for ex-pupils

Sir, I am looking for ex-pupils of Cromwell Community College at Chatteris who started secondary school September, 1967, and left 1971/72, particularly from Witcham, Mepal and Sutton.

I helped organised a school reunion 14 years ago and I am now organising another one for this coming October. I have found the majority of ex-pupils, but still need to find some that have moved addresses since the last reunion.

If anyone thinks they were in my school year and would like to go to our second school reunion, please contact me on (01354) 680592 or email me adenise7@aol.com

Denise Allen nee Wool
Station Road
Manea

No surprise at stop closure

Sir, Sadly I can only disagree with many of the comments from last week's *Ely Weekly News* regarding the closure of Currys. The shop is scruffy and dirty, staff were unhelpful, stock was very limited and prices were not competitive. Whilst it is sad news that another shop is to close, and very unfortunate for those who will lose jobs, it is only a surprise that it has stayed open as long as it has.

E Smith
Victoria Street
Littleport

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Keeping fit: Elaine Ellis, leisure centre committee secretary, Andy Rutterford, centre manager, and Adrian Dockerill, of Gym Repair Services check out the new gear. Picture: Duncan Lamont 625840.

Growing gym takes more equipment

FITNESS fanatics in Littleport are working up a sweat on some new equipment.

Littleport Leisure Centre has just extended its gymnasium after knocking through into one of the squash courts.

Local businessman

Adrian Dockerill, who runs gym repair services company GRS, sponsored the centre's full gym refurbishment back in 2008.

But he has now provided more weight resistance equipment, including leg press benches and more exercise bikes.

The extension has now been opened to the public and is going down a storm with users of the gym.

Andy Rutterford, centre manager, said: "We are so grateful to Adrian for his dedication.

"The extension is just what the centre needed and

thanks to him, we have been able to fill it with all the equipment we need.

"It really is going down fantastically with all the users."

For more information about the centre, including upcoming events, call (01353) 860600.

Bank fury over rough sleepers

HOMELESS people are causing problems for a bank in Ely – by sleeping in the building overnight.

Bosses at the city's HSBC branch in Buttermarket are being forced to take action after discovering a group of vagabonds were bedding down for the night inside the building.

Like many banks, the city's HSBC branch allows its customers to access its cash machines at the building at any given time.

Because the cash machines are not on an outside wall, the bank has a button on the main entrance which, when pressed, allows people to gain access and carry out transactions.

The door into the bank's offices itself is locked.

On some occasions, employees

BY JORDAN DAY

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have been arriving for work in the morning to find the group still inside with their sleeping bags and blankets.

Now, the bank says it could be forced to close the premises overnight.

A member of staff, who did not want to be named, said: "It's not right.

"We are a bank, not a shelter for the homeless.

"Some of us have turned up to work to find them still inside and it's not particularly pleasant.

"It's certainly not a good image for our customers either."

HSBC bosses have said the whole building may be locked if the problems continue.

A spokeswoman for the bank

said: "These situations are difficult to control but if it continues to be a problem, we may have to look at various solutions.

"One of those solutions may include changing the layout of the branch so that this area can be locked at night, which would be a shame as we allow our customers in after our opening hours purely for their own convenience."

In the past, the building has also been targeted by yobs leaving rubbish inside and vandalising the building's plant displays.

The spokeswoman added: "In the mean time, we are notifying security and the police in any of these instances, who will help to move the person along.

"We will continue to monitor the area carefully."

Have a flutter at family-friendly race night

A FAMILY-fun horse racing event will take place at Mepal and Witcham Primary School on Saturday, March 6.

People of all ages are invited to the afternoon,

which kicks off at 4pm.

Visitors will be able to have a flutter, buy a horse, sponsor a race and even have a go at being a jockey.

There will also be a

licensed bar and hot food on site.

Advance tickets are £1 or £2 on the night, which includes free entry to the raffle.

Pupils of the primary

school and their siblings go free.

Tickets are available after half-term from the school office or any members of the school's friends committee.

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Deaths

AYLOTT. Robin of Chettisham, peacefully after a brief illness, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, on Monday, February 15th, 2010, aged 71 years. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Monday, March 1st, 2010, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only but donations for The Salvation Army or Great Ormond Street Hospital, may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW.

Deaths

CROSS. Evelyn Ruby, sadly passed away on Saturday, February 13th, 2010, aged 87 years. Dearly loved mother of Roy, mother-in-law of Jean, grandchildren Angela and Lisa and four great-grandchildren. Service to be held at Ely Cemetery Chapel, Thursday, February 25th, at 10.30am.

EVANS. Terence Evan (Terry). Civil engineer and former Director of Mott MacDonald Consultants, died peacefully Sunday, February 14th, 2010, aged 76 years. Sadly missed by wife Joan, daughter, three sons and five grandchildren. Funeral at Church of All Saints, Wrabness. Laid to rest at Oakfield Wood on the Banks of the Stour on Wednesday, March 3rd, at 12.00noon. Donations if desired to Arthur Rank Hospice, Cambridge or The Great Fen Project.

TAYLOR. Brian of Chettisham, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, February 12th, 2010, aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Carole, loving father to John and Paul and grandfather to Ryan, Liam, Dean, Jack, Toby and Gabriel. The funeral service will take place at St Michaels and all Angels Church, Chettisham on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010, at 2.00pm, followed by burial in the churchyard. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to Co-operative Funeralcare, 34 James Street, Cambridge. CB1 1HX.

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Entrepreneur: Parkash Singh Chima.

Former retail chief dies

A MULTI-millionaire who started his fortune by selling clothes out of a suitcase in the Ely area has died.

Parkash Singh Chima, the founder of high street fashion chain Bon Marche, was aged 88.

Mr Chima was born in the Punjab, India, in 1922 and came to England in 1950.

Soon after arriving in London, an uncle sent him to Ely with a suitcase of stock, which is where the retail entrepreneurship began.

With his suitcase and pushbike, he travelled across the Fens selling clothing door-to-door.

In 1956, his wife and children joined him and soon he was able to buy a van and sell his clothing at markets across the region.

After leaving school, his three sons Mohan, Gurcharit and Gurnaik helped in the family business.

The family lived in Fieldside for more than 30 years until a business opportunity arose in Yorkshire, and in 1982 he left with his two youngest sons to expand the business.

His eldest son, Mohan, who lives in Hitchford, carried on with the business in East Anglia.

In 1985, Mr Chan's first high street store was opened in Doncaster and the Bon Marche clothing retail group was born, eventually growing to more than 300 stores.

Bon Marche was sold to the Peacocks Group.

Mr Chima is survived by his three sons, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MEMORIES



■ **THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows children on a carnival float. Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?**

Send your answers to: **Memories, Ely Weekly News, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning, or email editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk**

Picture: 628738

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed Ely's Market Place. Reader Martin Lupton, of Christopher Tye Close, Ely, says: "The photo was of the west side of the Market Place from the yard of the White Hart Inn. (We think this is the same view for Tindalls front door today). I personally remember the White Hart during the ownership of Richard Taylor, 1975 - 1987. The Dolphin Inn, on the corner of the High Street, became an

off-licence, Threshers, and is now a coffee shop, Starbucks." Mrs Pamela Reed, of Debden Green, Ely, tells us the shops across the road are Elizabeth's, the children's clothes shop, Forums, the dry cleaners, Bowgens, the bakers, and Newsteads, the fishmongers. She adds: "I believe the man in the gateway was my husband Alan. He was working for Sindalls, the builders in Church Lane. I used to walk this way every morning on my way to Woolworths where I worked."

Picture: 589335.



Masked raiders strike at store

MASKED thieves made off with hundreds of pounds worth of tobacco after smashing their way into a corner shop.

Littleport residents have described their shock after their local One Stop shop, on Wisbech Road, was broken into.

The incident happened at around 11.30pm on Monday.

Two masked men were seen battering their way through the front door of the premises.

The men stole a large quantity of tobacco from inside before fleeing from the scene in a silver Peugeot.

The car was seen speeding towards the town centre with four people inside.

A nearby resident, who did not want to be named, said: "I didn't hear or see a thing but crieki it is

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a scary thing to happen.

"I'm in my 70s and have lived in Littleport for almost 15 years and know that anti-social behaviour and crime is quite common.

"But for masked thieves to be raiding the shop right near your home is just awful."

Another resident, who also wished to remain anonymous through fear the thieves could target them, said: "When this happens on your doorstep it is quite frankly awful.

"The thought of thieves in masks lurking near my home at night is petrifying and I hope these men are caught as soon as possible."

Grenville Goodson, chairman

of the Littleport Society, added: "Obviously it is sad when anything like this happens but things like this are rare in Littleport and it does have its affects on the town's residents.

"I feel deeply sorry for the people who run the shop and it is lucky nobody was inside at the time.

"I just hope the police catch these thieves in good time and they get punished for what they did."

The shop was left with a smashed window following the raid.

The managers of the store refused to comment on the break-in.

Police are now appealing for information from the public.

Call 0345 4564564 or Crime-stoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111 with any information.

Batteries theft is thwarted

POLICE are appealing for information following an attempted theft in Prickwillow.

Three males entered the driveway of a property in Branch Bank and tried to steal two car batteries.

However, they were stopped by the property's owner.

The incident happened at around 1pm on February 11.

Call police on 0345 4564564.

Mower taken from barn

A RIDE-ON lawnmower has been stolen from Pymoor.

Thieves broke into a barn in Pymoor Siding by forcing the lock on the door.

The expensive mower was then taken from inside.

The incident happened some time between February 11 and 14. Call police on 0345 4564564.

Window smashed

YOBS climbed into a back garden in Sutton and then smashed the property's garage window.

The incident happened at a home in The Southens some time between 5pm on February 14 and 11.30am on February 15.

Call police on 0345 4564564.

Raid on yard nets diesel

DIESEL has been stolen from a yard in Wilburton. Thieves caused damage by cutting the flexible hose to the diesel tank before making off with the red diesel.

The incident happened in Breach Lane overnight on February 12.

Call police on 0345 4564564.

Exploring the Empire

SEAN Lang will be the guest speaker at this week's Fenland on Friday meeting in Ely.

He will be leading a talk entitled 'Cambridgeshire and the British Empire'.

The talks are held at Ely Library from 10.30am-noon.

Entry is £2.50 on the door.

Call out to car blaze

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a blaze in a car on the A10.

One crew from Littleport was called to the village's bypass at 5.10pm on February 16. The fire, caused by a fault within the vehicle, was under control by 5.30pm.

Vouchers back to help schools

A SUPERMARKET scheme which helps schools and clubs buy thousands of pounds worth of new equipment is coming back to Ely.

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Tesco's schools and clubs voucher scheme is being re-launched in the city on Monday.

The national project gives communities the opportunity to help local children by swapping vouchers for free equipment.

But this year, the scheme will allow schools and clubs in Ely to choose from the biggest range of equipment and resources that the supermarket giant has ever offered.

As well as sports equipment and computing facilities, this year's catalogue includes more than 250 new products, including the Apple

iTouch, bumper Lego sets, rainbow "talking boxes" and even insect conservation study centres.

Josh Hardie, head of corporate responsibility at Tesco, said: "We know how much children, teachers and club leaders in Ely benefit from the scheme and it is great to see family, friends, neighbours and other community members getting together to support their local schools and clubs."

"Last year's scheme was a great success and we hope to build on that by providing even more schools and clubs in Ely with what they need in 2010."

"Our message to everyone is 'get

collecting' and hopefully this will be another bumper year."

Last year, the vouchers exchange scheme saw Soham Village College collect £1,316 worth of new equipment and Ely's Spring Meadow Infant School benefited from £1,348 worth of new things.

The Weatheralls Primary School and St Andrews Primary School in Soham also benefited, as well as Robert Arkenstall Primary School in Haddenham, which got £1,617 worth.

Equipment can include everything from bean bags to pom poms and clipboards to digital cameras.

Vouchers are available from Ely's Angel Drove Tesco store from Monday to May 9.

For more information, visit www.tesco.com/schools

Fortnight celebrates fair trade scheme

FAIRTRADE Fortnight is being celebrated in Ely on Saturday.

Residents will be able to buy a whole range of Fairtrade products as well

as learn more about the initiative which gives farmers and producers a fair price for their goods.

The event will be held at the Methodist Church

Hall on Chapel Street from 10am onwards.

Members of the church will also holding their regular coffee morning, with all proceeds going

towards Traidcraft.

For more information, email the City of Ely Fairtrade Forum at elyfairtradeforum@btinternet.com

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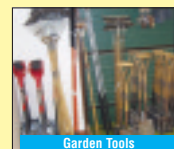
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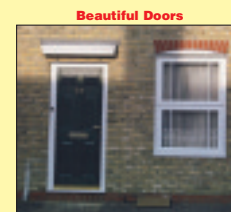
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Study offers hope to dementia sufferers

WHEN John Westwell suffered a fit at the age of 32, life would never be the same again for his family.

The father-of-two from Witchford began to change – and the behaviour of the gentle agricultural rep became an increasing source of worry for his loving wife Rosemary.

Doctors could not find the reason for his erratic mood swings for many years, but he was eventually diagnosed with early onset fronto-temporal dementia (FTD).

That collapse in 1978 was the start of a terrifying and heartbreaking heartbreak to decline.

As his behaviour became threatening to Rosemary, John left his family home and was sectioned in 1992. He has remained in care for the past 18 years as dementia took grip.

Rosemary, now 62, said: "The worst thing is he is not the man I married, but occasionally he is aware of that himself.

"His eyes tell me more than anything else nowadays.

"The other day a nurse brought in a snowflake and put it on his arm. He managed to say 'cold', which shows he is in contact with the world.

"He can't speak, move or feed himself – the man he used to be would hate that.

Scientists in Cambridge have announced the discovery of a 'dementia gene' – offering hope to families affected by the terrible condition. JACK GROVE looks at how research could transform the lives of more than 6,000 sufferers in Cambridgeshire.

"His collapse in 1978 was the start and it's been a continual deterioration since then."

But it is research in Cambridge which could bring hope to families afflicted by a diagnosis of dementia, of which there are 6,000 in Cambridgeshire and 820,000 in the UK.

Last week, scientists working at Cambridge University's Brain Repair Centre on the Addenbrooke's site announced they had found a gene which is associated with the increased risk of FTD – the type of dementia endured by

John, who is now 63. Neuroscientists studied the brains of 515 FTD sufferers and 2,000 healthy people to isolate the 'dementia gene'.

Alison Cranage, from Shelford-based charity the Alzheimer's Research Trust, which part-funded the research, said: "There are lots of things happening in Cambridge – it's all about putting together the pieces of a puzzle that could lead to finding a cure to dementia.

"There are loads of clinical trials happening and researchers also collaborating with other universities

and institutes to pioneer new work.

"The latest research was about finding out about the genetics of dementia, so we can understand what is happening in the brain, and perhaps find new drugs or a new way of treating this illness."

Sheila Burgess, a dementia support worker for the Cambridge and Ely branch of the Alzheimer's Society, said she was heartened to hear of the work – and by the increased awareness of the disease.

She said: "Unless your family is affected by dementia,



Continual deterioration: above and left, Rosemary with her husband John Westwell, who was sectioned in 1992.

you tend not to know what it is.

"That's why it was excellent to see someone like Sir Terry Pratchett speaking so openly about his condition. People relate to him because he is a figure in the public eye.

"It used to be something that was not spoken about, but that

is changing.

"We provide a variety of activities, such as social and lunch groups, where people affected by dementia can mix together. You can find information and support, but the social aspect of these groups is also very important."

Rosemary Westwell said Sir Terry's

admission of his condition has been a great source of comfort.

"When I heard him speaking, I almost cheered. As a sufferer himself, he knows how the rest of us feel and it's great that he's raising the issue of dementia and the level of support required by sufferers and their family."

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including French. She has been teaching since 1976 and has a Masters in Special Education and diplomas in Reading Recovery and Diagnostic Reading Difficulties. Elizabeth offers free assessments for children. She then designs a program specifically for the individual child to help him/her make progress. Children respond very quickly in a one-to-one situation and make rapid progress often reaching higher levels than is usual for their age group.

Education is extremely important for every child as it lays the



Professional aid: With Elizabeth Wilcox of Rainbow Tutoring.

foundation for the rest of his/her life. A good firm grounding in literacy and numeracy is essential.

Rainbow Tutoring has been running since August last year and following demand is now available at the YPL. The one-hour sessions can be booked Monday to Friday from 3.30pm-5.30pm and on Saturday mornings from 9am-12pm. Elizabeth will

also come to your home if that arrangement is preferred by the parent.

Elizabeth will be offering free 30-minute assessments at the YPL Centre – this Saturday – between 9am and 12pm.

For more information or to make an appointment with Elizabeth for this Saturday's assessments call (01353) 864839 or email ebwilcox@yahoo.com.



Online prayers: the Bishop of Huntingdon Dr David Thomson, right, with Michael Beckett.
Picture: Keith Jones 628635

Say a little prayer for me . . .

ELY residents were able to celebrate the start of Lent with a special prayer.

The Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, took to the city's streets on Ash Wednesday to invite prayers from passers-by.

Later in the day, people's prayer requests were then offered to God at a service in Ely Cathedral.

A moment of silence was also held.

The Say One For Me

project is part of a national Church of England initiative, which saw hundreds of Church of England bishops taking to the streets last Wednesday.

A new web-based service from the Church of England, launched to mark the beginning of Lent, enables people across the country to share confidentially their hopes and concerns anonymously in the form of a prayer – and also have those

thoughts offered to God by a bishop.

Prayers received through www.SayOneForMe.org over the 40 days of Lent will be displayed on the site and shared with local Church of England bishops, who have agreed to remember the submissions in their own prayers over the season.

The website invites visitors to type in their prayers – and then click 'Amen' to post them.

Bishop's appeal for charity cash

BY JORDAN DAY

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THE Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, was on hand to spearhead his annual fundraising appeal on Ash Wednesday.

Launched at Ely Cathedral last week, this year's appeal will be supporting two charities – the Christian Blind Mission and the Street Child World Cup.

And the Diocese of Ely is calling on all local parishes to make a special effort in raising funds.

The Christian Blind Mission (CBM), whose headquarters are in Oakington, is a Christian overseas charity committed to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world.

CBM provides medical care and rehabilitation to blind, low vision, deaf and physically disabled people. It runs more than 900 projects in more than 90 countries and reaches out to 16 million people worldwide.

The mission has been



Please help: Dr David Thomson with, from left, Bill McAllister, Michael Davies OBE and Gill Godber from the CBM Charity, and Chris Rose, Biza Vuyani Madolo and John Wroe all of the Street Child World Cup organisation.
Picture: Keith Jones 628636

working in Haiti since 1976 and has seven projects in the country.

The Street Child World Cup will, for the first time, bring together street children from across the world to play football and to discuss the issues that are important to them.

It is hoped the youngsters will be able to find their voices through the game they love, and as well as competing in the first ever Street Child World Cup, the teams will work with international coaches to express themselves on the football pitch and meet specially trained artists who will enable them to

tell their own stories.

CBM will receive 75 per cent of the proceeds from the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

The remaining quarter will support the work of the Street Child World Cup project.

The bishop said: "The launch was well supported and has got off to an excellent start.

"The season of Lent lasts 40 days, during which Christians prepare for Easter through prayer, penitence, self-giving and self-denial.

"It is therefore a wonderful opportunity to give generously to those in need."

Workshop rejected

A COUPLE'S hopes of building a workshop and garden room in Sutton have been shattered – again.

Mr and Mrs D. Featherby had wanted to demolish The Coach House, on Station Road, and build the new facilities on the land.

Plans were submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council in March 2009 but were refused.

The couple then lodged an appeal against the authority's decision with the

Planning Inspectorate but that has now been dismissed.

Shaun Greaves, the inspector in the case, said: "I conclude that the proposal would not relate sensitively to the local environment.

"The building would be significantly taller and located in a more prominent location than the existing building.

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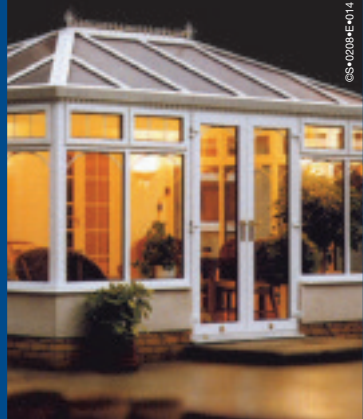
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Rebels rock for new school

A BUMPER charity evening is being held in memory of an Ely teenager.

Popular local rock 'n' roll band, the Rock Island Rebels, will be taking to the stage on Saturday at Witchford Village College to raise funds for the Lisa Kent Memorial Trust.

The trust was set up following the death of the popular 19-year-old in December 2003.

Lisa was one of three teenagers killed when the car they were travelling in veered off the road and plunged into the River Ouse at New River Bank, near Littleport.

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The driver of the car, Darren Isaacson, who was 21 at the time, was jailed for seven years after being convicted of dangerous driving.

Daniel Davy and Sam Murphy, both 15 and from Ely, were also killed in the crash.

But determined to ensure Lisa's legacy lived on, her friends and family set up the Lisa Kent Memorial Trust.

Lisa had a love of children so the trustees decided to help some of the world's most deprived youngsters.

The trust achieved charitable status in 2005.

It improved and extended a school in Gambia in 2005 which now provides more than 150 children with a safe place to learn.

Now trustees are focusing on building another primary school and nursery in Gambia in Lisa's memory.

After 15 months, the trust managed to purchase a large plot of land, and footings for the new centre have now been dug out. The trust hopes to have the school finished by next summer.

In April, the trust is sending volunteers out to complete the

building work and members of the public are being urged to help out.

This weekend's charity evening will be helping to raise cash towards the project.

Running from 8.30-11.45pm, there will also be a raffle draw and other entertainment on the evening.

Revellers are urged to take their own food and drinks and tickets are £10.

For tickets or more information, call Jasmine Kent on (01353) 665057.

If you are interested in travelling out there to help build the school, email the trust at enquiries@lisakenttrust.org



Legacy lives on: Lisa Kent.

Mobile Play Scheme

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Hoops of fun ahead with trundle race

PUPILS at the King's School Ely are preparing for one of the most fiercely contested events in the school calendar – the Hoop Trundle.

The annual event takes place at East Anglia's oldest independent school, which was founded more than 1,000 years ago.

It sees the King's and Queen's Scholars of the school donning their scarlet gowns and running races in the precinct of Ely Cathedral while bowling traditional wooden hoops.

The Hoop Trundle commemorates the re-founding of the school by King Henry VIII in 1541.

Having dissolved Ely monastery, which had educated children for centuries, he gave the school its first Royal charter and established the 12 King's Scholars (boys).

One of the privileges he allowed them was to play games, including the bowling of hoops, in the cathedral precincts.

In 1970, the school admitted girls for the first time, and three years later the King's Scholars were joined by Queen's Scholars (girls) at the request of Queen Elizabeth II during her visit in 1973.

Pupils are nominated as scholars for their academic achievement prior to entry into the sixth form.

They become members of the Cathedral Foundation and also qualify for other privileges during their sixth-form years.

In the Hoop Trundle, separate races are held for the King's and Queen's Scholars.

Two or three heats precede each final and the two winners hold commemorative wooden tankards for a year.

The scholars are instructed to run the length of the 75-yard course, turn around a marker and then run back, all without stopping.

Pupils and staff line the course on both sides to cheer them on.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 6, at 12.15pm, by the south door of the cathedral.

Protecting the past

THE Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings will hold a talk in Ely tomorrow. Elaine Byrne, the society's eastern region case worker, will host the event at St Peter's House, Broad Street.

Everything from how to conserve historic buildings to their importance in the community will be discussed.

The event starts at 7.30pm.

For more information, call Ian Harper on (01223) 582724 or email imharper@btinternet.com

For more information please contact Lewis Bage on 01353 665555, or email lewis.bage@eastcambs.gov.uk



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Swimming pool wins new status

ELY'S Paradise Pool has scooped a prestigious award.

The pool has been awarded the Institute of Swimming (IOS) Approved Education Centre status, allowing it to deliver aquatic teaching and coaching qualifications.

The teaching and coaching will vary but will include level one teaching swimming to coaching water polo.

Leisure Connection, which manages the pool in partnership with East Cambridgeshire District Council, will also be able to offer a range of

courses for its teaching staff.

Lizzy McConnell, Leisure Connection's contract manager said: "We are thrilled to be an IOS approved centre as it will enable us to develop the variety of activities on offer for our customers and members.

"We welcome in excess of 1,000 swimmers into our pool each week so it's great to be able to offer them something more.

"We will also be able to expand the professional development for teachers and coaches at Paradise Pool."

Duo saddle up for heroes ride

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TWO horse lovers will trot the extra mile to help raise cash for Britain's wounded servicemen and women.

Keen riders Shirley Sadler and Julie Strudwick, both from the Ely area, have been accepted to take part in this year's Horses 4 Heroes event.

The major fundraiser is the largest sponsored ride ever held and will take place on July 10.

The event will see more than 2,000 horses starting off at Ascot racecourse, following a route around Windsor Great Park, and finishing off riding past the racecourse's winning post.

And every penny raised is going to the charity Help for Heroes.

Along with the celebrities taking part, Shirley, from Little Downham, and Julie, from Sutton, will take their horses, Blodwin and Ted.

To qualify for the event, both riders had to raise £500 each for the charity.

Shirley, 38, said: "Both of us are keen riders so have taken part in lots of different rides but this is quite prestigious.

"We are really excited and feel it is a once-in-a-lifetime thing, not only to raise as much as we can for Help for Heroes, but also to cross the winning post of Ascot.

"Both our horses are real characters, and typical funny, fat cobs who think they own the place, so we're sure they will be OK out among the celebrities on their horses!"

The duo have been busy fundraising and securing sponsorship, including holding a recent cake stall on Ely's Saturday market, which raised £306 for the charity.

On Sunday, May 16, they will also



Riding high: Shirley Sadler and Julie Strudwick will ride for Horses for Heroes.

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hold a sponsored ride and are inviting riders from across the region to take part.

The event will start at Sedgeway Equestrian Centre, Witchford, and will include three routes to choose from – five miles, 10 miles or a bumper 15-mile ride.

Shirley added: "The ride will again be raising money for Help for Heroes and we would love as many riders as possible to take part."

To help the duo raise as much money as possible, to take part in their sponsored ride, or to keep up to date with their efforts, visit www.fenlandhorses4heroes.webs.com.

They have also set up their own sites at: www.justgiving.co.uk/shirley-sadler and www.justgiving.com/julie-strudwick.

Alternatively, call Shirley on 07765 891635.

Chance to appear in summer comedy

BUDDING actors could be starring in the side-splitting comedy *Outside Edge*.

The Soham-based Viva Theatre Company has announced it is performing the hilarious play, written by Richard Harris, as its summer production.

Auditions are being held tonight at 7.30pm and on Sunday at 4pm.

The play, set in a cricket pavilion, is about a team trying to win a game of cricket while sorting out their various marital problems.

The action takes place before and during a match, with the pitch being offstage where the audience is sitting.

The play has a cast of five men and four women.

The auditions, consisting of a chat about the play and group read through, are being held at The Viva Centre on Churchgate Street.

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Farmer banks on bread as a winner

A LOCAL farmer has teamed up with a national bread brand in a bid to breathe life into Britain's farming industry.

Trevor Lee, a partner at PJ Lee and Sons, in Ely, is taking part in the baking company's move to use 100 per cent British wheat.

Mr Lee has grown 160 acres of Red wheat, which is now being used as flour for Hovis's new British wheat products.

The family-run farm, which is one of Cambridgeshire's largest, usually specialises in potatoes, beans, wheat and sugar beet.

However, Mr Lee is pleased with his new venture.

He said: "Over the last decade,

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farmers have fallen victim to some terrible press within the media and we were all in danger of losing support from the public, or even worse, have business dry up.

"However, it is thanks to large brands like Hovis that make a stand to back British farmers that breathes life into the industry.

"I was sincerely touched by this and wanted to do my part."

Mr Lee added: "Because Hovis offer to fix the price of Red wheat, we know exactly how much we will be paid, which is great for the business and I can now think about expansion.

"Even though it is only our first

season growing Red wheat, we are definitely planning to continue with it because we feel proud our harvest is now being used in Hovis bread.

"It is not every day a farmer can say that - but we can."

Hovis is the first major British bread brand to make the milestone change and now 23 farmers in the Cambridge area are growing Red wheat for the firm.

National Farmers' Union (NFU) president Peter Kendall said: "It is fantastic news that Hovis has committed to source 100 per cent of its wheat from Britain.

"This shows real support and commitment to UK farming and its skill, professionalism and reliability, by a well-known and respected UK company."



Reving up for exhibition: Rotary club members Ruth Barber, 35, and Frank Lindsell, 82.

Picture: Richard Patterson 629961

Advice disco

ANOTHER sexual health disco is being held in Littleport on Saturday, March 6. Held every month, the event sees youngsters grooving the evening away while being offered free Chlamydia screenings and sexual health advice.

The "Johnny Rocks" disco is being held at the village hall from 7-10pm. People aged 11-18 are welcome.

The disco is organised by Connexions and the East Cambridgeshire Community Fund. For more information, call (01353) 612800.

Join ramble

MEMBERS of the Ely Walking Group will be taking a stroll in Broom/Biggleswade/Old Warden on Sunday. To join the ramble, call walk leader Mike on (01353) 666441.

Crier talk

ELY's town crier Avril Haytor-Smith is hosting a talk next Thursday.

The talk is entitled "It's my shout".

The Friends of Ely Museum are holding the event at the museum at 7.30pm.

Entry is £1.50 for members and £2 for non-members.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle.

Dancing a way to keep fit and healthy

MORE than 25 people tried Latin American sequence dancing and the Pasodoble in Ely on Monday.

The Mature and Active programme hit The Maltings with its first ballroom dancing session.

The tea dance sessions, which will be held on the last Monday of every month, include ballroom, Latin American and line dancing,

with instructors on hand to provide help.

The move is another expansion of the programme, following the continued growth of the popular Paradise Centre sessions.

Lewis Bage, from the sports development team at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "We had a great turnout today

with everyone really enthusiastic about the expansion of the Mature and Active programme.

"Dancing has added an extra dimension to the different ways we are encouraging our more mature residents to keep fit and healthy."

For more information, call Lewis on (01353) 665555 or email lewis.bage@eastcamb.gov.uk

Clubs stage joint exhibition

AN exhibition is being held in Ely to highlight the importance of the city's different Rotary clubs.

And residents are being urged to go along to the event to dispel any myths they have about the organisations.

The week-long exhibition starts at Ely Library on Monday. Both the Hereward Rotary Club and the Ely Rotary Club will be represented, with members on hand to explain what they do.

Sarah Lindsell, president of the Hereward club, said: "We hope a lot of people will come to the exhibition and consider joining us.

"I think people will be able to see how they can make a difference both locally and internationally and enjoy themselves at the same time."

For more information, visit the exhibition. Alternatively, log onto www.rotaryclubely-hereward.org or www.elyrotary.co.uk

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Election candidate backs pub campaign

JONATHAN Chatfield, the Liberal Democrat candidate for South East Cambridgeshire in the General Election, is backing a major pub protest.

Mr Chatfield is supporting the "I'm backing the pub" campaign by the British Beer and Pub Association and the Society of Independent Brewers.

He said: "I agree with the British Beer and Pub Association and the Society of Independent Brewers that pubs are an essential part of the social and economic heart of local communities. I have already met a number of local publicans to hear how they are coping with the current difficult times and in particular the bureaucracy and red tape hoisted on them by the Labour government."

For more information about the campaign, visit www.backthepub.com

Talk on fen life

"FENLAND life between the wars" will be the subject of an event being held in Little Thetford on Saturday.

The Friends of St George's Church are presenting an evening with local historian Mike Petty, who will be leading the talk at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5, which includes a glass of wine and nibbles.

Everyone is welcome. For tickets, call (01353) 649470 or (01353) 648819.

Tickets are also available on the door.

Staff take part in training

THE offices at East Cambridgeshire District Council opened later on Tuesday to allow staff training to take place.

Instead of opening at 8.45am, they opened at 10am.

Andrew Killington, the authority's executive director, said: "We would like to apologise to our customers for any inconvenience that this late opening may have caused."

Bonfire spreads

A BLAZE in a derelict building started after a bonfire was left unattended.

Two fire crews from Ely attended the incident in the town's Angel Drove at 8.45am on Saturday. The fire was under control by 9.34am.

Van set ablaze

A VAN left in a lay-by was set on fire deliberately, firefighters believe.

A crew from March was called to the town's by-pass at 12.30am on Saturday and had the blaze under control by 1.18am.



Like a tiger: from left, Eddie Pugh, 3, Sally Pugh, 7, Ciara Omo, 10, Milly Watts, 10, and Lara Smith, 9 at Ely Museum. Inset: Ciara Omo tries eating with chopsticks.

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Light entertainment: Franco Chelkowski-Giove, 4, from Littleport making Chinese lanterns.

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Craft day a roaring success

CHINESE New Year celebrations went with a roar at Ely Museum.

Dozens of children descended on the museum during half-term for some fun-filled arts and crafts.

Youngsters were able to celebrate the year of the tiger with a whole host of Chinese activities, including making their own tiger masks and lanterns.

A spokeswoman for the museum said: "The crafts activities went down brilliantly

with the children and they seemed to love getting creative.

"We always try to do something over half-term for the kids and we thought it would be successful if we tied the event in with Chinese New Year, which we feel it was."

For more information about Ely Museum, located on Market Street, call (01353) 666655 or visit www.elymuseum.org.uk

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Driver's moment of madness

THESE shocking pictures released last week show the moment a motorist skimmed beneath the closing barriers at a level crossing.

Foolish Charles Shaw, 40, made a "split-second decision" to chance his luck by driving through a flashing red stop light at Foxton.

CCTV caught his car speeding beneath the barrier across the railway tracks moments before an express train was due.

As reported last week, Shaw, from Sutton, pleaded guilty to failing to comply with a

flashing red signal when he appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court.

Paul Brown, prosecuting, told the court the red signal can be seen from at least 500 yards away.

He added: "This is a crime of a serious nature, far more dangerous than running an ordinary red light."

In mitigation, Shaw said he had a "split-second change of heart when he was about to stop" after watching three cars go through ahead of him.

He was fined £600, ordered to

pay costs of £50 and given three penalty points on his licence.

Sentencing him, magistrate Dr Stephen Halliday said Shaw was lucky to be alive.

Chief Inspector Alistair Beaton, of the British Transport Police, said level crossings were highly dangerous places that should not be underestimated.

He said: "For the sake of waiting for just a few extra moments I would urge that drivers be mindful that they do not risk endangering their lives, or the lives of others."

Empty premises now under offer

TWO empty buildings in Ely's city centre look set to be given a new lease of life.

The Beauty Room and Speed & Company Insurance Brokers closed last year.

However, both premises, being handled by estate agents Cheffins, are now 'under offer'. Cheffins confirmed both buildings, located on Market Street, look set to be re-opened, but could not say who the new leaseholders would be.

A spokesman said: "We are now at the important lease signing stages with both of the buildings so cannot say what exactly is happening. However, both premises are set to be re-opened in the near future."

The news comes just a week after giant electrical chain Currys confirmed its store on High Street would be closing its doors for good on March 6.

BY JORDAN DAY

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Elaine Griffin-Singh, chairman of the Ely Traders' Association, said she was delighted with the news about the two empty buildings on Market Street.

She said: "This is a really good sign. These shops have been derelict for quite some time now, and like many shops in Ely didn't look as if much was going to be happen with them too soon."

"However, the fact that both are now under offer is brilliant. Small, independent shops really seem to be fighting back and I hope the public do them justice by shopping in them and keeping them alive."

"That is what both of these shops need and so many close down because people just will not spend the money in them."

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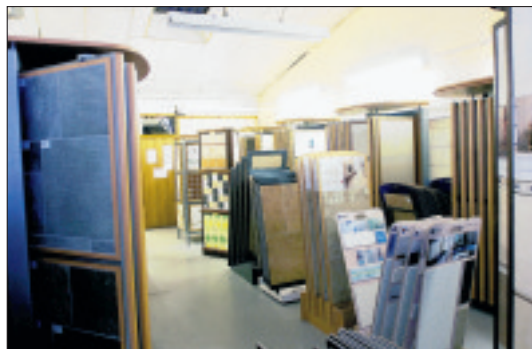


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Let's hear it: John Rutter conducts the concert, and right, a chance to join in at the Hayward.
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Rutter strikes a chord in hearts and minds

MUCH-LOVED composer and conductor John Rutter was in Ely on Saturday to help raise money for the NSPCC.

The 64-year-old, who is also an editor and record producer, was invited to perform at the city's Hayward Theatre.

Sylvia Farmer, from Sutton, organised the fundraising concert.

Hundreds of people enjoyed a selection of Mr Rutter's music.

Mrs Farmer said: "The day was a great success. John Rutter himself was simply inspirational.

Everybody who came really enjoyed it and I personally was a bit overwhelmed by it all."

Choral enthusiasts from as far afield as London, Paris, Austria, and Germany helped the 150-strong congregation raise more than £2,000 for the charity.

Concern over 'poor street lighting'

RESIDENTS living near Ely's High Barns estate are demanding better street lighting.

People in the Ramsey Road and Larkfield Road area say a lack of light is making the area "unsafe" and an easy target for criminal activity.

Stephen Fearnley, 47, of Larkfield Road, said: "We are desperate for better lighting in our street.

"So many people have been in touch with the council to try to get better street lights and more of them but nothing has really been done yet.

"Hopefully, the more we

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pester them about it, the quicker something will be done.

"It just isn't safe for people of any age to be walking along the streets at night when it is virtually pitch-black due to a lack of light."

Another resident, Tracey Harley, 53, of Ramsey Road, said: "There really is an attack waiting to happen.

"This area isn't the safest of places in Ely and at night everywhere is so dark because of the lack of street lighting.

"I certainly don't feel safe walking by myself.

"However, if there was better lighting, I think I'd feel safer as people could see if anything was happening to me.

"I know lots of people have been fighting for better lighting down here for a long while but nothing seems to have been done ever."

However, the City of Ely Council, which is responsible for providing the street lighting, says it is dealing with the issue.

The authority is set to spend around £5,000 on improving the street lighting

in both Ramsey Road and Larkfield Road.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, the Mayor of Ely, said: "The council has received many complaints from residents in this area recently and we have been working hard to try and solve the problems.

"The main issue is that it is too dark and people want it to be brightened up with better street lighting.

"We are seeking to do that and have plans in place to spend around £5,000 on an improved lighting scheme.

"We hope to have this in place in the next few months."

Masterplan for town to go on show

RESIDENTS will be able to cast their eye over the much-anticipated Soham masterplan next month.

Following almost a year of detailed research, public events and exhibitions, the draft plans are now set to go public.

The masterplan will act as a blueprint for growth for the town over the next 20 years.

Ideas already put into the proposals include creating gateways to Soham from the east and west, revitalising the town centre and boosting employment opportunities in the town.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, there is also the possibility of a new railway station, as well as new leisure activities and homes to strengthen the local community.

Now, a two-day public exhibition is to be held at Soham Methodist Church Hall on March 11 and 13.

There will also be presentations at local neighbourhood panel meetings and permanent displays at the Soham pavilion and the library.

Cllr Derrick Beckett, chairman of the Soham Masterplan Vision Working Party, said: "There has been an incredible amount of support for the draft masterplan over the last year, with residents in Soham getting behind the ideas and concepts which we have put forward.

"The report conveys the strategic importance of Soham, as a place of sustainable growth for the 21st century – somewhere that drives forward change.

"To succeed and grow Soham must cast off the image of a worn out market town and become something new which can bring lasting benefits to us all.

"We have already had great success talking to individuals, businesses and organisations about how the town should look over the next 20 years.

"We now intend to have a number of events to engage with as many people as possible between February and March as we look to build on the impetus which has developed over the last few months.

"We would like to build on Soham's past and create a future which can make the town a key part not only of the district but also the county."

Copies of the draft plan will also be available online and on paper throughout the consultation along with questionnaires for feedback.

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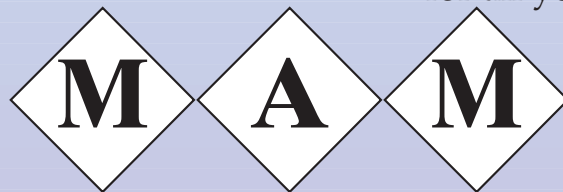
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From pirate radio to No. 1: the rise and rise of Tinchy

While I've interviewed a fair few celebrities in my time, I have to admit the prospect of an audience with über cool rapper Tinchy Stryder put me slightly on edge.

As I waited for his call, I wondered if I should transform my persona into something distinctly more 'street' to chew the fat with the East London boy dubbed Britain's hottest new rapper.

But as the urban star's right-hand woman prepared to put Tinchy on the phone, I decided that being 'me' would be the safest bet, fearing I'd end up sounding lamer than Richard Madeley doing his infamous Ali G impression.

"Hey, how's it going, are you all talked out yet?" I probe, as the grime star comes to the phone for his fourth back-to-back interview of the day.

"No man, I'm all good," he says, with a chuckle. Phew, the ice is broken.

For those of you who haven't yet grasped the concept of 'grime', no, it isn't that thing that Kim 'n' Aggie off the telly aim to banish with a generous dose of white wine vinegar and a Brillo pad. It is, in fact, a genre of urban music that has been emerging from London's underground since 2002, influenced by UK garage, drum 'n' bass and hip hop; think back to last summer and Wiley's hit *Wearing My Rolex* or Dizzee Rascal's *Bankers*.

Twenty-two-year-old Tinchy (or Kwasi Danquah, as his Ghanaian parents know him) moved to Bow when he was eight,

As he prepares to bring his killer rhymes to Cambridge, pop's new prince of grime chats about his rapid rise to fame with LOUISE CUMMINGS.

started writing lyrics and MC-ing at the tender age of 11, and by 13 had his own spot on pirate radio, making music with his group Ruff Sqwad, alongside the likes of Mercury winner Dizzee and the renowned King of Grime, Wiley.

"My older brother used to have turntables and Dizzee and other mates would come to my house and record house tapes. Then we'd go to youth clubs and play little house parties," Tinchy recalls. "After that, the next stage in our world was to get on to pirate radio stations and it was hard to get on; you had to pay. So we did that for a while."

From there, Tinchy's career had a boost from a rather unconventional source – middle-age Norfolk Liberal Democrat MP Norman Lamb. Lamb's son Archie re-mortgaged the family home to bankroll his music label – Takeover Entertainment – with his mate Jack – and the pair spotted Tinchy's potential and signed him up.

"I had a mix CD out and Takeover Entertainment used to put raves and events nights on in Norwich, and they booked me for one," Tinchy explains. "After seeing me one night, they approached me to be on their music label. I felt like there was nothing to lose and we seemed to be going in the same direction, so we did some independent stuff together."

Though he is now signed to Island

Records, Tinchy is still grateful to have had the backing of 'down with the kids' MP Norman Lamb. "He's cool man. He'd come to see me at gigs when he could and would always be standing in a suit at the back," he recalls.

The MC has since gone on to rocket out of the underground, having released his debut album, *Star In The Hood*, in 2007, been appointed the 'Prince of Grime' by Wiley, then followed up his success with his sophomore album, *Catch 22*, being named one of the hottest albums of last year. He's even found time to establish his own clothing brand, *Star In The Hood*, and claims to wear his own label clothes every day.

"It's mad!" he remarks, bemused by it all. "It's been a long journey when I look back at it, and it all started as a hobby because, really, I only ever wanted to be a footballer; that was my dream as a child, to play for Manchester United. But you need a lot of dedication getting into football at that age and I just got side-tracked; the music got me in the end."

It certainly did, with Tinchy's second album spawning a succession of chart-toppers; his collaboration with Taio Cruz on *Take Me Back*, got to number 3, while his aptly-named *Number One* – a collaboration with Dappy from N-Dubz – gave Tinchy his first taste of life at the top of the charts.

"That was such a great feeling. I was

on tour with N-Dubz at the time and we were in a hotel, actually I think we were in Cambridge, and we had to go back to London to go on Radio 1, so the feeling was unreal. It was one of those experiences you couldn't explain. I never dreamed I'd have a number 1."

The super cool MC followed up that with another chart-topping collaboration, this time with Sugababes vocalist Amelle Berrabah on the hit *Never Leave You*.

"She was really cool to work with. People asked me what it was like working with her, thinking she might be hard work, but she was no diva; we really got along," he muses.

Last year, Tinchy celebrated his first ever headline tour, selling out throughout the UK, and he's hoping for similar success on his second tour, when he brings his unique brand of grime rhyme to Cambridge Corn Exchange next week. "Yeah man, I'm really looking forward to the tour," he enthuses. "Especially because the first one I had last year went so well, and sold out, which was amazing. I'm looking to just step it up again now, and maybe bring along a live band."

■ Tinchy Stryder performs at Cambridge Corn Exchange on Monday. Call the box office on (01223) 357851.



Model behaviour: Tinchy modelling clothes from his *Star In The Hood* range.

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Night of pure nostalgia helps worldwide quest

OPUS 17, a band of phenomenal musicians, wowed the audience with their vibrant sounds in their concert presented by The Rotary Club of Ely in the Hayward Theatre.

Although this was a fund-raising event, the listeners were in no doubt this was a good evening. This 17-piece band knows its stuff. Trumpets, saxophones, trombones, piano, bass and drums evoked toe-tapping rhythms and luxurious jazz harmonies that swept the listeners along in an evening of sheer indulgent nostalgia.

Popular items filled the programme including *April in Paris*, *Sunny Side of the Street*, *Pennsylvania 65000*, *A nightingale Sang in Berkley Square*, *Tuxedo Junction*, *Stardust*, *Moonlight Serenade* and *In the Mood*.

Rotary compère John Byfield eased events with his pertinent information and light banter, while band leader Graham Smith eased the musicians along with his cheerful leadership. The band gelled as the sexy saxophones, virtuosic trumpets, rich trombones, pulsating bass, dancing keyboard and stirring drums gave life to their performance. Two singers joined the band: Helen Burnett and

Ely Rotary Club's Big Band Night featuring Opus 17 in the Hayward Theatre, Ely, reviewed by Rosemary Westwell

Tom Veasey. Helen Burnett, an ex-pupil of the King's School, shared in the nostalgia as she remembered her debut as a singer in that same hall when she was at school. Her performance of *Skylark* was particularly attractive while *You belong to me* was especially schmaltzy and nostalgic. Tom Veasey gave a very good imitation of 'Old Blue Eyes' (Bing Crosby) when he sang *Come fly with me* and his interpretation of *Mack the Knife* and *New York* caught the imagination, transporting us into the elusive shadows of the darker side of life. His voice is exquisitely unique and he should go far in his new ventures in Missouri.

The evening was all the better for the slick organisation of the Rotarians who made it a splendid night all round, especially in the knowledge that Rotary's quest to eradicate polio worldwide will be aided by the funds raised from this event. Local organisations: Burrows Bookshop, J and J Wade Optometrists and the King's School Ely, also assisted by giving their support.

Raise up your veg patch to make most of small spaces

When some wooden rectangular frames about half a metre high were erected on a spare patch of land at my children's school this week, I was heartened to discover that the pupils are going to be growing their own veg in raised beds this year.

It prompted me to think that if you simply haven't got space for a vegetable patch in your garden, a raised bed must be the answer.

It doesn't have to be anything elaborate – you can buy ready-to-assemble DIY raised beds, or just make a simple baseless frame out of some planks of wood, cut-off fenceposts and galvanised screws.

Once you've assembled the frame, hammer the corner stakes into the ground with a mallet, using an old piece of wood to protect the frame.

Raised beds don't have to be really tall, as 15cm is enough to warm the soil earlier in the spring



by Hannah Stephenson

and improve drainage, which allows you to plant sooner in the year and benefit from earlier crops.

However, if you build them higher, they will be great for people with creaky backs and make gardening easier, and will allow you to grow root crops such as carrots which need stone-free, deep soil to stay straight. Plus, you can do all the work from the edges, without ever treading on – and therefore compacting – the soil.

They're particularly good for gardens with wet, heavy clay soil as they improve drainage and warm up faster in spring.

Raised beds don't have to be

dug over every year like regular borders. Just put a 10cm layer of organic matter such as compost on the surface each year, and the worms should help it work its way in.

They're great if you have poor soil, because you can just fill them with richer soil with added organic material to help the veg on their way.

You can reap rich rewards from raised beds as it's possible to plant closer and still get good yields because the planting and sowing are concentrated in deep, fertile soil which hasn't been trodden down or hindered drainage-wise. You can also fill the raised bed with soil which is suited to the particular crop you want to grow.

Raised areas are also generally easier to manage than full-blown veg plots, which have to be planned, planted and maintained.

When placing your raised bed on the ground, fork over the soil in the bottom, removing all weeds, and make sure the ground is level before siting your raised bed and filling it. You're best off

growing veg in a sunny position.

Remember also that you need to be able to either walk around or work your patch without having to step on the soil, so ideally beds should be no wider than 1.2m (4ft) and no longer than 3m (10ft) or it will take you a long time to walk around them.

If your soil is light and free-draining, incorporate lots of garden compost or composted bark to help it retain moisture. If it's heavy or badly drained, mix in both composted bark and sharp gravel. Often a 50/50 mixture of good topsoil and well-rotted manure or compost is ideal. Once the bed is filled, water it well.

Choose high-yielding and fast-growing crops such as radishes, baby carrots and lettuces to give you several harvests each season, and make sure you sow enough seeds to give you replacement plants to fill the spaces when the first crop has been picked.

Try to go for the veg which don't take up masses of space. Perennials such as artichokes and asparagus should be avoided in small spaces, while crops like



Going up: raised beds can be a great way of growing vegetables in backyards with smaller spaces.

cabbages take a long time to mature and will use up valuable space in your bed.

Go for dwarf varieties and bush forms rather than larger crops.

BEST OF THE BUNCH Anemone

The early spring-flowering anemone, *A. blanda*, is easy to grow and thrives in bare ground or sparse grass under trees, quickly naturalising into a lovely

patch of colour. Varieties with blue, pink and white flowers are available and look wonderful if planted together to form a little tapestry. Anemones also look great planted among the yellow blooms of the winter aconite and the propeller-shaped flowers of Cyclamen coum. The hard, knobby bulbs of *A. blanda* should be planted shallowly in the soil in autumn, arranged randomly for a natural effect.

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Lost letters 2

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order. Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.

This quotation is from US politician and wit Adlai Stevenson.

■ Last week's solution: 'Fish and visitors stink after three days'

FOUR Ws

- 1. WHO...wrote the novels *Living, Loving and Back*?
- WHAT...in Scotland is a tocher?
- WHERE...did Haile Selassie live in exile during the Italian occupation of Ethiopia?
- WHEN...was the G77 group of developing countries founded?
- 2. WHO...released the album *H To He, Who Am The Only One*?
- WHAT...is the melting point, in degrees Celsius, of nickel?
- WHERE...in Europe is the litas the standard unit of

- currency?
- WHEN...was the Prussian and German decoration for bravery the Iron Cross instituted?
- 3. WHO...coached Holland in the 2006 FIFA World Cup Finals?
- WHAT...nationality was the poet Georg Trakl?
- WHERE...in South America is the lake Poopo?
- WHEN...was the Nobel Prize in Economics first awarded?
- Answers: 1. Henry Green; A dowry brought by a bride to her husband; England; 1964. 2. Van Der Graaf Generator; 1455; Lithuania; 1813. 3. Marco van Basten; Austrian; Bolivia; 1969.

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Sudoku 89:

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

4	9	5	7	8	6	1	2	3
7	3	6	2	9	1	4	8	5
8	1	2	4	5	3	6	7	9
2	4	3	8	6	5	9	1	7
9	7	8	1	3	2	5	4	6
6	5	1	9	4	7	8	3	2
5	6	7	3	1	8	2	9	4
3	8	9	5	2	4	7	6	1
1	2	4	6	7	9	3	5	8

■ Last week's solution.

Crossword

2154

Across

- 1. In the Final I have some salad. (6)
- 4. Space to act in a resort. (5)
- 8. Greek hero suffers cold in rough sea. (8)
- 10. Woman follows US city rules. (3)
- 11. Spoil recount round at defensive tower. (8)
- 13. Sore spot for son, yet different. (4)
- 15. Get a lift from free enterprise, initially. (4)
- 16. Owned they'd been let in. (8)
- 19. Dance achieves average returns. (3)
- 20. Make impression with unfinished garden in panicky rush. (8)
- 22. Recent work of fiction. (5)
- 23. Good man gives new name to part of flower. (6)

Down

- 1. High score, of course, for a bird. (5)
- 2. Sketch mystifies, so act to end the game. (4,6)
- 3. Animal doctor captures tough guys, showing strong feeling. (8)

- 5. Eggs in a line, say. (3)
- 6. Give performance I put on in battle. (6)
- 7. Aspersion cast in indistinct words. (4)
- 9. South African boy, the best, is dressing. (5,5)
- 12. Most sluggish sailor to pass on street. (8)
- 14. Vehicle, a weight, comes in box. (6)
- 17. Dull oriental rug turned up. (4)
- 18. Take a quick turn round a country. (5)
- 21. Game support for a meal, say. (3)

Solution to 2153: Across: 1. Discord; 4. Gash; 6. Rangoon; 9. Opiate; 11. Bilge; 12. Talkie; 15. Untied; 18. Omega; 19. Scream; 21. Preside; 23. Isis; 24. Stogap.
Down: 1. Dark Blues; 2. Singlet; 3. Rio; 4. Genial; 5. Spot; 7. Obese; 8. Nowt; 10. Eye make-up; 13. Adore; 14. Keeping; 16. Ideals; 17. Damp; 20. Cats; 22. Rut.

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SOHAM... A modern two bedroom end terrace home, situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location.

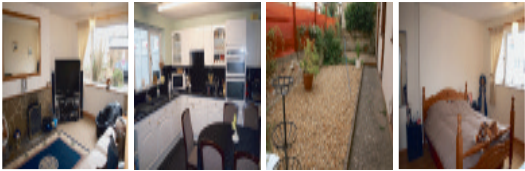
VIEW NOW Ref: 6167

Location £110,000

PRICE REDUCTION

SOHAM... End terrace bungalow situated in a prime location close to the town centre of Soham.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6179



Can you help?

- Mr D sold requires a semi detached 3 bedroom on stour green up to £200k
- Mrs A needs 4 bed detached in Alexander Chase up to £325k
- Mr & Mrs P seek detached property minimum 2 acres of land can pay up to £500k

Modern Home O.L.E.O £170,000

NEW PRICE

SOHAM... A well presented three bedroom corner style home, situated within this popular development. The property offers spacious accommodation throughout.

GET DIALLING Ref: 6201

Individual O.L.E.O £167,500

SOHAM... An individual detached three bedroom home, situated in this popular non-estate location, close to the centre of Soham. The property has been very well maintained by the present owners.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6201

Great Location £184,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

An exceptionally well presented semi detached house situated in a popular area of Ely ideally located for St.Johns School. The accommodation offers a lounge, dining room and kitchen, garage & parking.

Ref: 6273 VIEWING TODAY

Be Impressed O.L.E.O £335,000

NEW PRICE

BARWY... Situated within a 5-10 minute drive of Ely station, this is a stunning individual four bedroom home, finished to a high specification. MUST BE VIEWED!

Ref: 6175 VIEWING TODAY

Go For It £134,995

CHAIN FREE

LITTLEPORT... A modern two bedroom semi detached home, situated within a quiet cul-de-sac, close to the centre of Littleport with all its amenities. The property has the benefit of a conservatory.

VIEWING IS A MUST Ref: 5556

Look! £139,950

PRIME

LITTLEPORT... IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY! A two bedroom end of terraced modern home, situated within this quiet and popular location. The property offers generous accommodation.

VIEWING IS A MUST Ref: 6225

Chain Free £152,950

SOHAM... A chain free detached two bedroom modern bungalow, situated in an established location, close to Soham centre. The property is available for early occupation and benefits from parking.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6166

Soham

READY TO MOVE IN!

£145,000

Immaculate 2 bedroom home with parking - call Ely, for further information.

Soham

GO FOR IT!

£107,000

Two bedroom first time buyer home - VIEW NOW!

Get On The Ladder £126,950

PRIME | NEW INSTRUCTION

A modern two bedroom terraced home, situated in a quiet location, well presented and an ideal first time purchase.

LITTLEPORT... A modern two bedroom terraced home, situated in a quiet location, well presented and an ideal first time purchase. The property has the added benefit of a conservatory to the rear and off road parking. Comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage, Gas Radiators, Allocated Parking.

- *Mid Terrace Home
- *Lounge
- *Two Bedrooms
- *Kitchen

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6302

Spacious £79,995

CHAIN FREE

LITTLEPORT... This ground floor apartment is situated in a small cul-de-sac location.

CALL US NOW Ref: 6098

Perfect! £127,500

LITTLEPORT... We are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom terrace home.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6282

Go For It £129,995

SOHAM... A very well maintained two bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul-de-sac.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 5590

Character Family Home £239,950

PRIME | NEW INSTRUCTION

Ely... An older style three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a prime sought after location on central Ely. The property offers traditional and well proportioned accommodation and has the benefit of its own off road parking.

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6270

Ideal Location £189,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

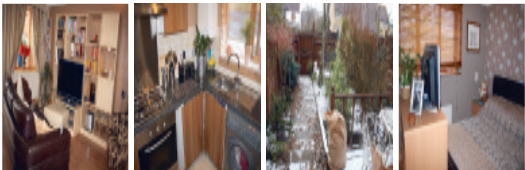
WITCHAM... A four bedroom detached family house, situated within a quiet cul-de-sac in this pleasant village. The property offers well proportioned accommodation, and good sized gardens with garage and parking.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6142

Generous Gardens £199,995

This detached bungalow is situated on a corner plot with a generous sized garden that is not over looked. In a cul-de-sac location the property is ideally located and offers a lounge, kitchen/diner, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, ensuite & parking.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6218



Coverage: | Ely 01353 664 112 Soham 01353 968 080

Churchgate PROPERTY

01353 727000

For sale: Soham

Modern 2 bedroomed mid-terrace house in popular location. Accommodation comprises: hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, cloakroom, 1double bedroom, 1single bedroom, bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, carpets & curtains included. Front & rear gardens, off road parking. No chain. £115,000

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£425 PCM EXCL

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One Bedroom 1st Floor Flat
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LITTLEPORT

Refurbished Two Bedroom House
£475 PCM EXCL

SOHAM

Self Contained Bedsit
£350 PCM EXCL

LITTLEPORT

Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
£425 PCM EXCL

SUTTON

One Bedroom 1st Floor Flat
£350 PCM INCL Water

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PROPERTY

Charming cottage



THIS charming cottage occupies a central position in High Street, Sutton.

It offers period features including a woodburning stove. On the ground floor the

accommodation extends to a hall/study area, living room, kitchen, separate dining room and cloakroom.

There are two double bedrooms with en suites upstairs. Outside, a gravelled driveway

provides off-road parking for two cars, and there is also a lawned garden.

This property is on the market for £199,950. Contact Cheffins on (01353) 654900.



Modern three-bedroom family home

SITUATED in Gateway Gardens, Ely, is this superb three-storey family home.

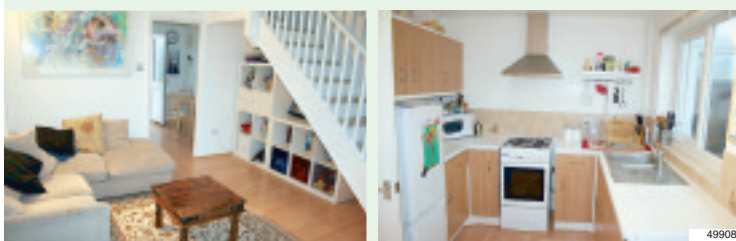
It offers spacious accommodation which includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, study, beautiful kitchen with utility room and a dining room/family room. Upstairs, there is a living room, master bedroom with en suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom and shower room.

A double garage and carport are also provided, plus an enclosed rear garden.

This attractive modern home is on the market for £325,000. Contact Tucker Gardner on (01353) 616130.



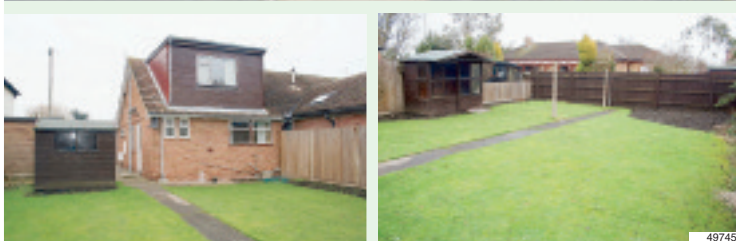
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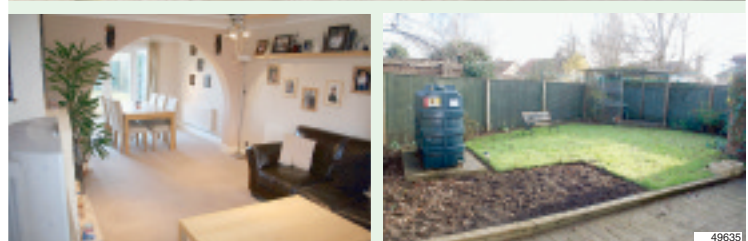
Ely **£146,000**
 A well presented modern terraced home situated in a cul-de-sac location allowing easy access to the city centre. Includes ent porch, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, 2 double bedrooms, modern bathroom, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. The property benefits from upvc double glazing and no upward chain.



Sutton **£199,950**
 A charming detached cottage with spacious accommodation and containing many superb character features including lounge with feature woodburning stove, hall/study area, kitchen, separate dining room, cloakroom and 2 double bedrooms both with en-suites, driveway providing off street parking for 2 cars and a lawned garden.



Sutton **£129,950**
 A spacious semi-detached chalet bungalow situated in a non estate location close to the village centre and offered for sale with no upward chain. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, ground floor double bedroom with shower and first floor double bedroom with separate bathroom, driveway and good sized garden.



Haddenham **£239,950**
 A modern detached family home conveniently located for access to the primary school and village centre. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, spacious lounge with archway to dining room, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage, separate brick built office and enclosed rear garden. Replacement upvc double glazing and oil fired central heating.

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49524

Sutton **£132,500**
A well presented mid terrace property ideally suited for first time buyers. Includes ent hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, parking & garage. Viewing recommended.



48915

Ely **£290,000**
An extended and updated detached bungalow situated in a non estate location. Includes entrance hall, 21'10" x 13'10" lounge, kitchen/dining room, refitted bathroom, 3 bedrooms, mature rear garden & driveway.



49617

NEW PRICE
Ely **£188,500**
A spacious semi-detached home situated in a cul-de-sac location. Includes ent hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, garden, garage & drive.



49559

Soham **£300,000**
Imposing detached home Circa 1700's offering spacious accommodation & character features. Ent hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/brkfst room, utility, bathroom, 3 bedrooms, drive & gardens.



49638

Littleport **£149,950**
A charming sympathetically renovated cottage offering spacious accommodation, character features & convenient for rail station. Includes lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, 2 dble bedrooms, garden & parking. No upward chain.



47520

Mepal **£245,000**
A brand new individual detached chalet style home in a non estate location. Ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, utility, lounge, study/bed 4, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, garage, drive & gardens.



45491

Ely **£135,000**
A period end terraced cottage convenient for access to Ely city centre, railway station & A10. With lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, drive & gardens.



48694

Sutton **£161,950**
Immaculately presented semi-detached house with superb views. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, landing, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens and driveway.



49873

Witchford **£199,950**
An immaculately presented detached Scandinavian style home in a cul-de-sac with superb views. Includes ent hall opening into dining room, lounge, kitchen, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, drive, garage & gardens.



49879

Ely **£299,950**
Immaculately presented detached home on the edge of a development. Ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, 4 double bedrooms (1 en-suite), study/bed 5, 2 bathrooms, garden, drive & tandem garage.



49875

Ely **£179,950**
An established semi-detached property which comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen, study, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway for approx. 3 cars and enclosed rear garden. Viewing recommended.



46045

Wicken **Guide Price £545,000**
A superb detached 5 bedroom home offering substantial accommodation with many period features overlooking green and including gardens, parking, double garage/workshop with kitchenette & shower room.

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Soham **£135,000**
An older style detached house in need of modernisation throughout. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bathroom together with gardens. No upward chain.



Littleport **£128,950**
A modern home situated close to the centre of this popular village. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom together with single garage, driveway and garden.



Little Ouse **£415,000**
A rural equestrian home with approx 3 acres of paddocks (sts), 15 stables, feedroom, pony box & horse walker. Ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/brkfst room, boiler room, dining room, lounge, 6 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom & parking.



Ely **£219,950**
A spacious 3 storey end terraced property situated in a cul-de-sac location close to St. Johns Primary School. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, w.c., gardens, driveway and garage.



Littleport **£194,950**
Older style semi-detached home with versatile family living accommodation in a semi-rural location. Comprises ent hall, shower/cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, dining room, lounge, 5 bedrooms & refitted bathroom.



Sutton **£133,500**
A modern well presented house situated in a residential development close to the centre of the village. Comprises ent hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage & gardens. Viewing recommended.



Little Downham **£177,500**
A well presented end terrace cottage situated in the centre of the village. Comprises ent hall, 23'1" x 11'4" kitchen/diner, inner hall, pantry, bathroom, lounge, 3 double bedrooms, attractive well stocked garden & drive. Viewing essential.



Ely **£169,950**
A modern linked property situated within a popular residential development. Accommodation includes entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, rear garden and parking.



Ely **£225,000**
A deceptively spacious period end terraced home with many character features convenient for Ely city. Ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, office/bed 4, bathroom & attractive garden.



Sutton **£135,000**
A spacious terraced home ideal for first time or investment buyers. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 2 dble bedrooms, bathroom, garden, garage and parking. No upward chain.



Ely **£395,000**
A unique opportunity to purchase an established city home situated within approx. 200 yards of Ely market square. Includes hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, sitting room, 3 bedrooms, en-suite and bathroom, garden & parking.



Prickwillow **£249,950**
A spacious modern detached property built in an attractive cottage style. Ent hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, ample parking, spacious double garage & gardens. No upward chain.

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FORE HILL, ELY
£1,200 pcm
 A substantial four bedroom home located in the heart of the City with gas central heating, courtyard garden and parking for two cars. Available now.



MAIN STREET, PYMOOR
£995 pcm
 Modern and spacious four bedroom three storey detached with oil heating, good sized rear garden and ample parking. Available now, viewing recommended.



WATERSIDE, ELY
£750 pcm
 Three bedroom, three storey terraced house close to the riverside with gas central heating, garden to rear and off road parking. Available late March.



CAMBRIDGE ROAD, ELY
£725 pcm
 Spacious three bedroom first floor flat in the grounds of Ely City Golf Club with gas heating & double glazing. Rent includes water, electric and gas bills. Available now.



KELLY GROVE, LITTLEPORT
£700 pcm
 Modern detached three bedroom townhouse finished to a very high standard with gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. Available now.



WEST END, ELY
£650 pcm
 Terraced three bedroom house close to the City centre with newly fitted kitchen, gas central heating, double glazing and enclosed rear garden. Available now.



NEW PRICE
GUERNSEY WAY, LITTLEPORT
£600 pcm
 Modern three bedroom terraced house with ensuite, gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear garden and parking. Available now.



WEST FEN ROAD, ELY
£600 pcm
 Terraced three bedroom cottage with gas central heating, double glazing throughout, garden to rear and on-street parking. Available mid March.



COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY
£590 pcm
 Modern two bedroom semi detached house with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. Available now.



NEW
ASPEN CLOSE, ELY
£575 pcm
 Well presented two bedroom terraced house with electric heating, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. Available now.



ST MARTIN WALK, ELY
£575 pcm
 Modern two bedroom flat ideally located in the City centre with electric heating, newly fitted bathroom and allocated parking. Available now.



ROSWELL VIEW, ELY
£550 pcm
 First floor two bedroom flat, neutrally decorated throughout with electric heating and allocated parking. Available late March.



TENNYSON PLACE, ELY
£550 pcm
 Modern two bedroom terraced house with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and allocated parking. Available March.



STATION ROAD, SOHAM
£525 pcm
 Terraced two bedroom cottage close to town centre with gas central heating, double glazing and courtyard garden. Available now.



VERMUYDEN GARDENS, SUTTON
£500 pcm
 Newly redecorated mid terraced two bedroom house with electric heating and enclosed rear garden. Available now.



CLAY STREET, SOHAM
£495 pcm
 Newly refurbished end of terrace two bedroom cottage close to the town centre. With gas central heating and enclosed rear garden. Available now.



MAIN STREET, LITTLE DOWNHAM
£475 pcm
 Mid terraced two bedroom cottage situated in the centre of this popular village with electric storage heating and garden to the rear.



WEST FEN ROAD, ELY
£475 pcm
 Ground floor two bedroom flat close to the City centre with communal garden. Newly redecorated and carpeted throughout. Available now.

Abbotts

Countrywide

Welney

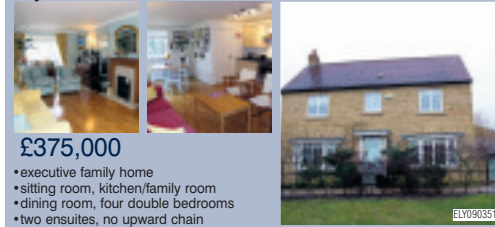


£375,000

- secluded equestrian property, approx 3.5 acres, paddocks & sand school
- stable yard & outbuildings, detached three bedroom house

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Ely

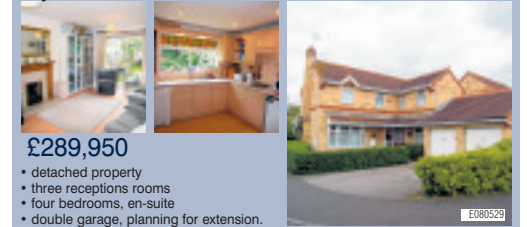


£375,000

- executive family home
- sitting room, kitchen/family room
- dining room, four double bedrooms
- two ensuites, no upward chain

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Ely



£289,950

- detached property
- three reception rooms
- four bedrooms, en-suite
- double garage, planning for extension.

E080529

March



£255,000

- Edwardian style, kitchen/breakfast room
- four reception rooms, conservatory • four bedrooms, gardens, off road parking

E080220

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK!!

Soham



Offers Over £220,000

ELY090379

Ideal family home, no upward chain, detached property in good decorative order comprising two reception rooms plus a modern kitchen dinner, first floor comprising of three double bedrooms and family bathroom. Off road parking to the front & enclosed rear gardens.

Soham



Offers over £140,000

- character property
- two reception rooms, four bedrooms
- good decorative order
- fire places, gardens

E090402

Sutton



£265,000

- new detached houses
- small development of 5 properties
- two reception rooms, four bedrooms
- downstairs cloakroom, en-suite
- gardens, garage, no upward chain
- open house, please call for details

E090395

Soham



£155,000

- open house 6 March 2010 call for details
- modern family home
- three bedrooms, ensuite shower room
- garage, no upward chain

EY090466

Ely



£380,000

- open house 6 March 2010 call for details
- city centre location, landscape gardens
- kitchen breakfast room, sitting room
- dining room, four bedrooms, ensuite

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Littleport

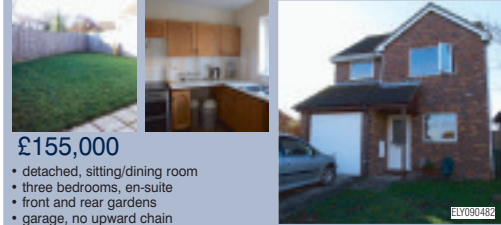


£158,000

- modern family home
- two reception rooms
- four bedrooms, en-suite shower room
- garage, no upward chain

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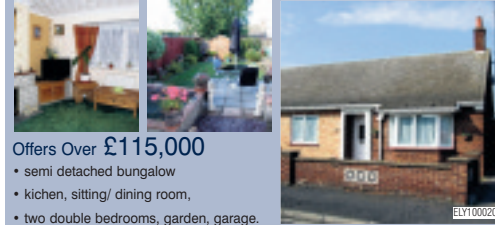


£155,000

- detached, sitting/dining room
- three bedrooms, en-suite
- front and rear gardens
- garage, no upward chain

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March



Offers Over £115,000

- semi detached bungalow
- kitchen, sitting/ dining room,
- two double bedrooms, garden, garage.

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Haddenham

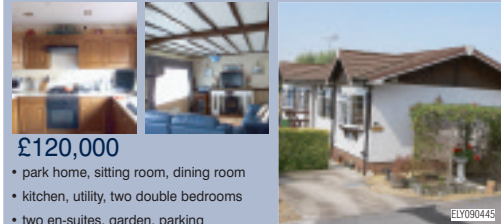


£115,000

- central village location
- two double bedrooms
- parking, garden, leasehold

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Witchford

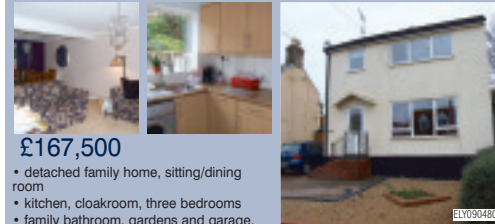


£120,000

- park home, sitting room, dining room
- kitchen, utility, two double bedrooms
- two en-suites, garden, parking

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Soham

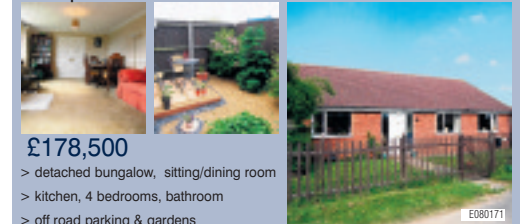


£167,500

- detached family home, sitting/dining room
- kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms
- family bathroom, gardens and garage.

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Littleport



£178,500

- > detached bungalow, sitting/dining room
- > kitchen, 4 bedrooms, bathroom
- > off road parking & gardens

E080171

Ely
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O/A £172,500

A modern mid terraced house well situated on this popular development about one mile from the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Radiator Central Heating, D.G., Shallow Front Garden Area, Rear Garden, Garage & Driveway Parking.



HADDENHAM

An extended semi detached cottage with deceptively spacious versatile accommodation and 108' rear garden situated. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Living Room, Rear Reception/Dining Room/Bedroom 3, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two FF Bedrooms, C.H., D.G., Garage & Parking.

O/A £154,950



LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £280,000

A delightful spacious individual three bedroom detached residence with garage and parking tucked away in a corner with a large green area to the front and superb far reaching views from the first floor.



LITTLEPORT O/A £395,000

An impressive quality built exceptionally spacious individual four/five bedroom detached residence with attached double garage standing on a delightful plot of about 1/4 of an acre and is situated in a highly regarded location.



LITTLEPORT £220,000

TWO exceptionally spacious four bedroom semi detached houses, being built in a cul de sac location by BUCKINGHAM & SPARROW Ltd., Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, Garage, NHBC.



SOHAM Asking Price £115,000

A two bedroom mid terraced house located in a quiet residential cul de sac offering easy access to Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge. Ideal for first time buyers. TO ARRANGE A VIEWING OR FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT OUR NEWMARKET OFFICE ON 01638 668284



SOHAM
£167,500

A modern particularly well appointed three bedroom semi detached house which lies in a sought after position in this popular well served convenient location. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Refitted Bathroom Suite, Useful Boarded Roof Space with Velux Window, Front Garden, Driveway, Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden.



LITTLE DOWNHAM

A delightful modernised 3 bedroom detached cottage with spacious accommodation standing on just under 3/4 of an acre (sts) with gardens and outbuildings, plus a grass field of just over 1 acre (sts) situated in rural surroundings (suitable for equestrian use).

O/A £315,000



Ely
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ELY
O/A £180,000

A semi detached house well situated in a cul de sac location on this popular development a little over half a mile from the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Shallow Front Garden Area, Rear Garden, Parking. NO UPWARD CHAIN.



SUTTON SALE AGREED

A well appointed attractive mid terraced Victorian period cottage in an appealing no-through road situation within this popular well served village location. Sitting/Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front Garden, Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN.



ELY SALE AGREED

An attractive, extended detached double fronted period property less than a mile from Ely's main line railway station with superb views over open countryside. NO UPWARD CHAIN



LITTLEPORT

An individual 1930s built detached residence with outbuildings in this well served village location. Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, 3/4Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Garage, Front and Rear Gardens, Gas C.H., Gas and Solar Energy Hot Water System.

O/A £250,000



LITTLEPORT

A delightful older style three bedroom detached cottage with many charming features situated on the edge of the village close to the river and main line railway station.

O/A £174,950



SOUTHERY

An appealing double fronted three bedroom period farmhouse set on a large plot with beautifully landscaped gardens backing onto the river Great Ouse. Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, GF Shower Room, Garden Room, Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Gardens, Parking.

O/A £240,000



LITTLE DOWNHAM
O/A £150,000

A rare opportunity to purchase an interesting late 17th Century house in need of renovation which lies on a good size plot within the heart of this sought after village location. Entrance Hall, Two 18' plus Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Bathroom, Four First Floor Bedrooms, Attached Single Storey Outbuilding. NO UPWARD CHAIN.



Ely
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WITCHAM

O/A £360,000

A substantial individual detached residence standing on a delightful large plot approaching a fifth of an acre (subject to survey), in the centre of this popular village. Reception Hall, Study, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Garden Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Cloakroom, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms, En-Suite, Bathroom, Shower Room, Study/Bedroom Five, Oil Fired Central Heating, Gardens, Driveway Parking.



ELY SALE AGREED

A well presented first floor apartment forming part of a converted Grade II period building less than a mile from the City Centre and Railway Station.



LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £340,000

An attractive, four bedroom, spacious detached house being built in a small cul de sac in this popular village by Norman & Nicholas Limited (Construction).



LITTLE DOWNHAM

An improved well presented detached house with spacious accommodation well situated in a corner of a small cul de sac. Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Area, Utility Area, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Single Garage, Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

O/A £189,950



ELY O/A £295,000

An immaculate superbly presented extended double fronted detached residence, which lies within a cul de sac in this highly regarded city location. Entrance Hall, Kitchen with Built-in Cooking Appliances, Dining Room, Sitting Room, GF Shower Room, Front Garden Room, Large Store Room, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gardens, Driveway Parking.



ELY

An exceptionally well presented three double bedroom semi detached house which has been expertly transformed into a highly individual spacious townhouse, well situated under half a mile from the City Centre.

O/A £210,000



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A semi detached bungalow which is offered in good decorative order throughout with the benefit of double glazing. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Lobby, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Good Sized Rear Garden.

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£695 pcm

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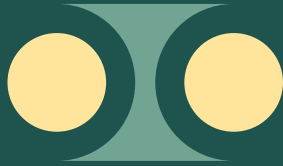
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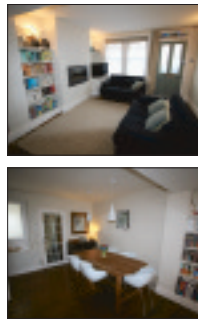


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£187,950



- Older style semi
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Gas heating
- Courtyard garden
- Some character features
- Viewing recommended

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£209,950



- Mid terrace townhouse
- Well presented
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- First floor lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to bed 1 and 2
- 4th bed/study
- Garage en bloc

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LITTLEPORT

£287,500



DISAPPOINTED BUYERS MORE PROPERTYS REQUIRED IN ALL PRICE RANGES AND AREAS

- Individual detached house
- Non estate location
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to bed 1
- Kitchen bfast room
- 3 reception rooms
- Garage & parking
- Smartly presented

LITTLEPORT

£229,950



- Modern detached house
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen bfast room
- Utility room & study
- En-suite to bed 1
- Double garage
- Good size garden

ELY

£219,950



- Established detached bungalow
- 2 bedrooms
- Wetroom and family bathroom
- Garage converted to study/office
- Gas heating
- Mature garden
- Ample parking

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£154,950



- Linked townhouse
- Centrally located
- 2 bedrooms
- First floor lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Views of Cathedral from 2nd floor

MEPAL

£205,000



- Modern detached bungalow
- Popular development
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to bed 1
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Private rear garden
- No onward chain

DODDINGTON

£309,950



- Individual and detached
- Sitting on a large plot
- Rural location
- Lounge with open fireplace
- 4 bedrooms
- Kitchen breakfast room
- Oil central heating
- Garage and ample parking

LITTLEPORT

£214,950



- Substantial semi
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 en-suite
- First floor lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Utility & cloakroom
- Gated car port
- Balcony to rear

ELY

£254,950



- Modern detached house
- Immaculateley presented
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen breakfast room
- Private rear garden
- Viewing essential

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£184,995



- Smartly presented semi
- Larger than average plot
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- Fitted kitchen
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- Short onward chain



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NEW!
£320,000

Isleham



NO UPWARD CHAIN

NEW!
£225,000

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Built for the current vendor this modern property offers four bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, utility, wc, en suite to master and driveway parking to front. No Upward Chain



NEW!
£184,995

Ely

A three bedroom semi detached home offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, en suite to master, cloakroom, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking.



A very well maintained three bedroom semi detached house situated within an ever requested location, offering dining room, cloakroom, off road parking, garage and gardens. £1000 Cashback available.



NEW!
£191,000

Witchford

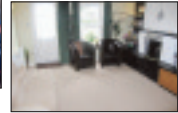


NO UPWARD CHAIN

NEW PRICE!
£152,500

Wicken

A semi detached period cottage within a popular village location, offering two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, first floor bathroom and enclosed rear garden. No Upward Chain. £1000 Cashback available.



NO UPWARD CHAIN

NEW!
£159,950

Sutton

An extended three bedroom property offering lounge, conservatory, enclosed rear garden, garage and off road parking. No Upward Chain.



An internal viewing is advised for this two bedroom terraced house, offering lounge, first floor bathroom, rear garden, garage and off road parking. An ideal first time or investment buy. £1000 Cashback available.



NEW!
£130,000

Soham



NEW!
£125,000

Sutton

A two bedroom house with enclosed rear garden, lounge/dining room, kitchen, parking and double glazing. £1000 Cashback available.



NO UPWARD CHAIN

NEW!
£54,950

Soham

A one bedroom ground floor flat offering lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. No Upward Chain.

Coming soon
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A 5 bedroom detached house offering two en suites, dining room, lounge, kitchen, cloak room, bathroom, tandem length garage, driveway and gardens.

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A three bedroom house offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, en suite and family bathroom, rear garden, driveway parking, carport, garage, double glazing and gas heating.



Prickwillow £354,995
A well maintained 5 bedroom detached house offering two en suites, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility, cloakroom, bathroom, d/garage and views of fields to rear.



NO UPWARD CHAIN

Ely £179,995
A period property in a prime location offering kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining room, 1st floor bathroom and enclosed rear garden. No Upward Chain. £1,000 Cashback Available.



Ely £152,500
An end terrace house with en suite, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, family bathroom, garage, parking, generous enclosed garden, gas heating and double glazing.

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Littleport £158,000

A four bedroom end terrace house with en suite, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, first floor bathroom, garage and rear garden. No Upward Chain



Ely £159,995

This two bedroom period property offers lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, first floor bathroom, substantial mature garden, gas heating and part double glazed.



Littleport £123,950

A well presented two bedroom property offering kitchen/dining room, lounge, first floor bathroom, garage, parking, garden and double glazing. A fantastic first buy! £1,000 Cashback Available.



Ely £99,999

76% Shared Equity. A two bedroom mid terrace house offering kitchen/dining room, lounge, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, allocated parking, gas heating and double glazing.



Ely £179,995

A three bedroom semi detached house with unexpected sized plot and offering separate dining area, brick built outbuilding, double glazing and gas heating. No Upward Chain



NO UPWARD CHAIN

Isleham £149,950

In Need of Modernisation. This period property, situated on the outskirts of this popular village location, offers two reception rooms, out buildings and driveway parking. No Upward Chain.

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SOHAM

£189,995



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£325,000**WITCHFORD**

An extended three/four bedroom detached bungalow with versatile accommodation set in a quiet location.

Lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, cloakroom, garden room, office/bedroom four, family bathroom, integral garage, workshop, driveway, enclosed rear garden, shed, electric storage heating, D/G.

£300,000**NEW PRICE****ELY**

A very well presented four bedroom detached property situated approximately one mile from the City Centre.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, landing, four bedrooms, luxury family bathroom, D/G, GCH, landscaped rear garden, double garage, driveway.

£294,995**HADDENHAM**

A deceptively spacious and highly individual 'cottage style' bungalow with superb views situated in a non estate location.

Lounge, superb kitchen/family room, utility room, summer room, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, OCH, D/G, ornamental garden, off road parking.

£294,950**HADDENHAM**

A well presented four bedroom detached residence situated in a non-estate cul-de-sac location within the well regarded village of Haddenham.

Cloakroom, study, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, OCH, D/G, rear garden, off road parking, single garage.

£285,000**NEW****HADDENHAM**

This well presented detached bungalow sits within private walled gardens in the popular village of Haddenham.

Cloakroom, open plan lounge/dining room, kitchen, rear hall, utility room, conservatory, two double bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, garden room, ample off road parking, garage, secure caravan space, D/G, electric storage heating.

£285,000**SUTTON**

A spacious and very well presented detached family home set within the well served village of Sutton.

Cloakroom, dining room, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, rear garden, garage, driveway, GCH, D/G, no upward chain.

£250,000**HADDENHAM**

A well proportioned detached bungalow in need of some cosmetic updating situated on a generous plot.

Lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility area, cloakroom, bathroom, LPG heating system, D/G, garage, established gardens, sought after village location.

£250,000**LITTLEPORT**

A detached family home with extended ground floor accommodation situated within a few minutes walk of the village railway station.

Entrance hall, lounge, conservatory, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, shower/cloakroom, inner hall, half galleried landing, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, C/H, D/G, landscaped gardens, single garage and off road parking.

£250,000**STRETHAM**

A well presented four bedroom detached family home situated in the heart of the much sought after village of Stretham.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, playroom/study, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom, OCH, D/G, private rear garden, tandem garage, off road parking.

£250,000**NEW****STRETHAM**

An extended and well presented four bedroom detached family home with versatile living accommodation.

Cloakroom, family room, shower room, sun room, fitted kitchen, dining room, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite, loft room/study, bathroom, rear garden, enclosed front courtyard, garage, driveway, electric storage heating, D/G, no upward chain.

£249,995**ELY**

A spacious four bedroom family home with double garage situated on this popular residential development.

Cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, dining room, lounge, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, double garage, driveway, enclosed rear garden, GCH, D/G, no upward chain.

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NEW

**HADDENHAM**

A very well presented home situated in the popular village of Haddenham which has been thoughtfully extended and finished to a high standard.

Utility room/rear hall, cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, master with en-suite bathroom, shower room, double garage, ample off road parking, enclosed rear garden, OCH, D/G.

£228,000

NEW PRICE

**LITTLEPORT**

A Grade II Listed period home situated in the heart of the well served village of Littleport. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, cloakroom, four bedrooms, bathroom, GCH, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking, no upward chain.

£179,995

NEW PRICE

**ELY**

This recently renovated three bedroom semi detached property occupies a corner plot position and offers the potential to extend, within the catchment area for St Johns School.

Lounge, dining area, re-fitted kitchen, pantry, re-fitted bathroom, GCH, D/G, outbuilding, driveway for several vehicles, corner plot offering lawned gardens, potential to extend, no upward chain.

£175,000

NEW

**SUTTON**

A very well presented three bedroom home all neutrally decorated and offering good size living accommodation within the well served village of Sutton.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway, GCH, D/G.

£175,000

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A two bedroom Victorian terraced cottage situated on the highly regarded 'Cambridge Road' within the City of Ely.

reception porch, lounge area, dining area, fitted kitchen, rear entrance lobby, landing, two bedrooms, family bathroom with separate shower cubicle, gas heating system, sealed unit double glazed windows, enclosed rear courtyard garden, walking distance to City's amenities and Golf Club.

£162,500

**SUTTON**

A deceptively spacious three bedroom end terrace home situated in the well served village of Sutton.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, landing, bathroom, garage (currently split by false wall to create separate office), enclosed rear garden, driveway, OCH, D/G.

£162,000

NEW

**STUNTNEY**

An extended 2 bedroom semi detached cottage situated within the much sought after village of Stuntney.

Study/dining room, lounge, cloakroom, fitted kitchen/dining room, family bathroom, D/G, GCH, good sized rear garden overlooking farmland, garage and driveway.

£160,000

**SOHAM**

A very well presented three bedroom mid terrace property situated on a modern development within the market town of Soham.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, lounge, dining room, landing, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bathroom, landscaped rear garden, allocated parking space, GCH, D/G.

£154,995

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A rare opportunity to acquire a parcel of land with detailed planning permission to erect a 4 bedroom 2 storey dwelling with good sized garden situated approximately 1.5 miles from the City Centre of Ely.

£150,000

NEW PRICE

**ELY**

A three bedroom terraced family home overlooking an open green, situated within walking distance of the City's amenities.

Cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen/dining room, bathroom, D/G, GCH, lawned front garden overlooking green, rear courtyard garden, brick built storage, communal off road parking.

£137,950

NEW

**LITTLE THETFORD**

A well presented two bedroom semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac within the village of Little Thetford.

Fitted kitchen, lounge/diner with patio doors to the rear garden, landing, bathroom, enclosed rear garden, off road parking for two/three cars, D/G, OCH.

£135,000

**SOHAM**

An ideal opportunity for the first time/investment purchase to acquire a one bedroom starter home situated within the Fenland Town of Soham.

Entrance porch, reception lounge, fitted kitchen, landing, double bedroom, bathroom, small lawned garden area and hardstanding for two vehicles.

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**SUTTON**

Spacious 2BR 1st floor flat on the High Street, offering easy access to Ely City Centre & A10.

The property also benefits from double glazing, 2 good size bedrooms, double shower cubicle, electric heating and on street parking. Inclusive of water. Unfurnished.

£395 PCM**SILVER STREET, ELY**

Spacious studio apartment with separate kitchen and bathroom located on Barton Square overlooking the Cathedral.

Within five minutes walk of the Railway Station, City Centre and river. Street parking and EH. Unfurnished.

£400 PCM**HOLLY COURT, ELY**

A recently improved 1BR 2nd floor flat in the City Centre, providing easy access to BR Station and A10

Open plan living area, bedroom & shower room. New decor & flooring throughout. Electric heating. 1 allocated parking space. Unfurnished.

£495 PCM**CAMBRIDGE ROAD, ELY**

A nicely presented 2BR ground floor flat in a development set back from the main road, providing easy access to the A10 & City Centre.

Kitchen with white goods. 2 good sized bedrooms. Shower. GCH. 1 allocated parking space. Unfurnished

£595 PCM**STRETHAM**

3BR terrace house just South of Ely in the popular Village of Stretham. Close to local amenities and providing easy access to A10.

Lounge & study. Shower. Electric heating. Gardens & 2 parking spaces. Unfurnished

£600 PCM**LITTLEPORT**

A recently decorated and improved 3BR semi detached house situated on the outskirts of the well served town of Littleport.

Refitted kitchen/diner, 2 bathrooms, study, GCH, front & rear gardens, garage and driveway. Unfurnished

£600 PCM**COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY**

Neutrally decorated 2BR mid terrace house located in a quiet cul-de-sac North of the City, providing easy access to the City Centre & A10.

1 double, 1 single bedroom. Shower. GCH. Garden. 2 allocated parking spaces. Unfurnished

£625 PCM**TOWER COURT, ELY**

3BR character house on the popular Tower Court development, providing easy access to the City Centre, BR Station and A10

The property benefits from high ceilings, double glazing, 2 bathrooms. GCH & allocated parking. Unfurnished

£625 PCM**LITTLE THETFORD**

Well presented 2BR property located in the small village of Little Thetford. Neutral decor throughout.

Kitchen/Diner with built-in oven and hob Bathroom with shower over bath. OCH, garage and driveway. Rear enclosed garden. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM**STRETHAM**

3BR detached bungalow in the well regarded Village of Stretham providing easy access to the A10 & A142.

Good size lounge & kitchen. 2 double bedrooms. Conservatory. Some new decor. OCH. Front and rear garden. Garage and off road parking. Unfurnished.

£675 PCM**ANNESDALE, ELY**

A pretty 2BR cottage in a picturesque location with views over the River and a short walk from the City Centre and BR Station.

The property offers spacious accommodation including lounge/diner, 2 double bedrooms. GCH. Small garden. Unfurnished.

£750 PCM**STRETHAM**

4BR property in the heart of the popular Village of Stretham, providing easy access to the A10.

4 double bedrooms, 2 reception rooms & 2 bathrooms. OCH. Paved rear garden. Garage, workshop & off street parking. Unfurnished. Can be offered with furnished annexe £1250

£950 PCM

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SILVER STREET, ELY
Spacious 1BR first floor flat located on Barton Square overlooking the Cathedral. Within 5 minutes walk of the Railway Station, City Centre and River. New decor. Shower room. Electric heating & on street parking. Unfurnished

£450 PCM



HOLLY COURT, ELY
Good size 1BR 2nd floor flat located in the City Centre and providing easy access to A10 and BR Station. Fully equipped modern kitchen, lounge, bedroom and shower room. Electric heating. Neutral decor. Off street parking. Furnished

£510 PCM



WILBURTON
Recently refurbished 1BR 1st floor flat located in the Village of Wilburton providing easy access to A10. Open plan living area. Shower room. Double glazing. Oil central heating. Off street parking. Includes all bills. Fully furnished.

£550 PCM



COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY
Newly decorated 2BR mid terrace house located in a quiet cul-de-sac North of the City, providing easy access to the City Centre & A10. 1 double, 1 single bedroom. Shower. GCH. Garden. 2 allocated parking spaces. Unfurnished

£625 PCM



STUNTNEY
Neutrally decorated 2BR cottage with beautiful views of open fields, located in the village of Stuntney giving easy access to BR Station and A142. Lounge, kitchen with electric hob & oven, utility room, laminate flooring to all rooms on first floor. Bathroom with shower over bath. GCH front & rear gardens. Off road parking. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM



WINFARTHING COURT, ELY
Well presented 2BR 2nd floor apartment with Cathedral views, Riverside walks & Jubilee Park on the doorstep. Short walking distance to the City & the BR Station. Intercom system, double glazing, electric central heating, allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM



LITTLEPORT
Recently refurbished 3BR detached house located on a quiet road in Littleport close to BR Station and Town Centre and offering easy access to A10. The property offers 2 double bedrooms, a conservatory, shower, GCH, gardens and ample off road parking. Unfurnished

£650 PCM



LISLE LANE, ELY
Well presented spacious 3BR semi detached house within walking distance of the City Centre, BR Station and River. 2 reception room, 2 double bedrooms. GCH. Neutral decor throughout. Rear paved garden. Unfurnished

£725 PCM



ST MARYS STREET, ELY
3/4BR Georgian end terrace house in a excellent City Centre location. The property also provides easy access to A10 and BR Station.

Good size rooms throughout. 2 cellar rooms. Neutral decor. GCH. Long rear garden. Garage & a parking space. Unfurnished

£1,050 PCM



WISSEY WAY, ELY
Very well presented 4BR detached house on a popular development North of the City, ideally placed for the A10 and City Centre.

Spacious accommodation including 2 reception rooms, study, 3 bathrooms. GCH. Gardens. Garage & drive. Unfurnished

£1,200 PCM



SUTTON
A well presented and neutrally decorated 2BR semi detached house on a modern development in the Village of Sutton, providing easy access to local amenities.

Good size lounge, 2 double bedrooms. GCH, gardens, garage and parking. Unfurnished

£575 PCM



WELLAND PLACE, ELY
5BR townhouse located on a modern development to the North of the City Centre, providing easy access to the A10.

Large lounge, 4 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. GCH. Gardens. Garage & parking. Unfurnished.

£1,050 PCM



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Peugeot launches '5'



HYbrid4 saloon due

THE '5 by Peugeot' concept car is another indication of the changing face of Peugeot and provides an insight into the marque's future ambitions in

the large luxury vehicle segment.

Powered by Peugeot's HYbrid4 technology, it ensures both high levels of driving enjoyment and environmental

protection – 200bhp, four-wheel drive and CO2 emissions of 99g/km or zero in electric mode.

The elegance, precision and dynamic appearance of the car's exterior styling is also reflected in the car's technical spec. The '5 by Peugeot' concept incorporates Peugeot's HYbrid4 technology, which will be launched in 2011 in the Peugeot 3008.

A 2.0-litre HDi FAP163bhp diesel engine, mounted at the front of the vehicle, is combined with a 37bhp electric motor at the rear. This arrangement provides an overall maximum

power of 200bhp, an electric only mode for low speed operation, four-wheel drive when required, and low fuel consumption and emissions of 74.3mpg and 99g/km of CO2 or zero in electric mode.

The '5 by Peugeot' is further proof of Peugeot's environmental strategy.

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Renault's highly tuned '10' range

IT'S favoured by Wayne Rooney and the Prime Minister and now the number 10 has arrived at Wests Cambridge with the complete range of Renault cars and vans available with the latest '10' registration plate.

The Renault range has something for everyone and all can be driven away bearing this iconic number plate from the Newmarket Road dealership from March 1.

For sports fans there's the impressive Renaultsport range which was recently awarded Top Gear magazine's Manufacturer of the Year. Alongside the Clio Renaultsport 200 and Twingo Renaultsport 133, the New Mégane Renaultsport 250 is the latest arrival to the line-up and boasts an unrivalled combination of exhilarating performance and handling. All three were also awarded Best Hot Hatch in each of their respective price categories at this year's What Car? Awards with the Mégane also crowned overall Hot Hatch of the Year 2010.

Tech-savvy motorists may prefer to drive away in one of



Looker: Renaultsport Mégane 250.

Renault's new I-Music special editions offering enhanced comfort and style as well as a high-tech specification. Available on 11 models, each comes with Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity, aircon, alloy wheels, front fog lights, brushed aluminium-effect door mirrors and TunePoint – perfect for those who can't bear to be away from their gadgets!

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Multi-Functional TunePoint, integrated Bluetooth in addition to rear parking sensors, alloy wheels and brushed aluminium-effect door mirrors all from just £16,338 on-the-road.

Alternatively there are the sleek and stylish Laguna and Mégane Coupés. Priced from just £17,995 with customer saving, the new Laguna Coupé offers stunning looks, a responsive dCi 150 engine plus standard equipment including Renault's innovative Carminat TomTom satellite navigation system, an automatic parking brake and Bluetooth and MP3 connectivity.

Meanwhile the Mégane Coupé offers all the comfort and practicality found in the Hatch but with more rakish styling together with enhanced performance features such as a sports chassis with firmer suspension.

For more information on the complete Renault range visit Wests of Cambridge in Newmarket Road or call (01223) 351616.

Alternatively click onto www.westsrenault.co.uk.



Favourite: Renault's New Scenic.

Engine size has 'almost doubled' in last decade

THE number of motorists with large-engined cars has almost doubled over the last decade, figures showed this week.

The number of licensed vehicles with engine capacity of more than 2,000cc increased from 2.3 million in 1999 to 4.0 million in 2008, data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed.

The figures also showed that the number of licensed cars with engine capacity of less than 1,000cc has declined by 19 per cent over the same period.

The figures, part of the latest social trends publication from ONS, also revealed:

Between 1989-1991 and 2008, the proportion of 5 to 10 year-old children travelling to school by car has risen from 27 per cent to 43 per cent.

In 2008, transport and travel costs accounted for 16 per cent of all household expenditure in the UK and this proportion has remained relatively stable since

1998/99.

Between 1998/99 and 2008, the largest increase in motoring expenditure was on petrol, diesel and other oils – at 24 per cent – with expenditure rising 11 per cent between 2007 and 2008.

In Britain in 2008, people took 992 total journeys – including walks – compared with 972 in 2007.

Of the 992 journeys, more than 600 of them were either as a car or van driver or passenger.

On average, each Briton took 27 rail journeys in 2008, compared with 25 in 2007 and only 19 for the period 1995 to 1997.

The number of journeys made by local bus rose slightly in 2008/09 compared with 2007-08 but was still only around a third of the number made in 1995.

Only 22 per cent of households had no car in 2008 compared with as many as 86 per cent in 1951.

Seven per cent of households had three cars in 2008, while 27 per cent had two cars.

AA president Edmund King said: "Big is not always bad. The increase in cars with engine capacity of more than 2,000cc is not necessarily a reflection that more people have bought 'gas guzzlers' as, for this category of car, CO2 emissions have decreased by approximately 20 per cent over the period.

The figures also reflect the migration to diesel executive cars, from just 10 per cent to 75 per cent over the period. Diesel cars tend to have larger cubic capacity than their equivalent petrol model but are more fuel efficient.

The two-litre car today is much cleaner, greener and safer than its decade-old predecessor."

He went on: "The rise in the number of 5 to 10 year-old children travelling to school by car is likely to have increased the proportion of larger vehicles, particularly for families with three or more children.

However the average CO2 emissions from MPVs (people carriers) are down by 26 per cent over the last 10 years.

"It is interesting that the vast majority of cars bought in the (Government's) scrappage scheme are smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles."

Liberal Democrat transport spokesman Norman Baker said: "The Government has allowed driving to become cheaper and more polluting while pushing train fares up year after year.

"Instead of promoting 'Chelsea tractors', it should invest in trains and buses to cut emissions and reduce the growing gridlock on the roads."

A Department for Transport spokesman said: "We are absolutely committed to championing low-carbon transport which is why we have already committed around £400 million of support to encourage development and uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles.

"The increase in cars with larger engines is an interesting statistic but it is important to remember that it is CO2 emissions, not engine size, which contribute to climate change."



'Independence' weekend at Saab

CAMBRIDGE Saab is holding an "Independence" open weekend on Saturday, Sunday and Monday – with an unparalleled range of offers on new and used cars and accessories.

The weekend event is timed to follow the anticipated completion of the Spyker purchase of the Saab brand, which opens a new chapter in the firm's history.

"We are hoping to create a party-like atmosphere with balloons, banners etc plus another special Saab celebration cake," said general manager James Howarth. "We will be open the Friday, Saturday and the Monday to talk Saab and look forward to seeing anyone who wants to

toast the success of the 'new' Saab, and perhaps on the way buy one of several continuing offers we have on the remaining 'GM era' stock, including the iconic Saab Convertible from just £19,995 (pictured above), the 9-5 Turbo Estate from just £20,495 and some major savings on GM's remaining stock of Aero 1.9 ttd diesel Twin turbo saloons and estates – all with the new March '10' registration in mind. "There are also some excellent offers we have on used cars across the range, including some less than one year old 9-3 special purchase models from just £12,995."

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J-TEK was established nearly a year ago by the people who brought Jagutek to Ely and district's Jaguar owners. Business at this all-makes servicing and repair garage has been brisk right from the commencement of operations early last year.

Parent company, Jagutek, has been and continues to be enormously successful and Jaguar car owners have been switching from main dealers to this independent Jaguar specialist in their droves, not only because of their highly competitive labour rates but also for the superb work-

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manship and dedication provided by the technicians.

Jaguar owners have been delighted with the level of customer service and quality work provided by the Jagutek team. In fact, J-Tek was actually established by customer request, with many commenting about how they wished that members of their own families and friends could take advantage of the multitude of services offered by the company.

There was so much support for the idea of expanding the operation to include all other makes and models that

Jagutek's management decided to establish J-Tek with the aim of serving the motoring needs of the families of their already established customers. When the workshop adjacent to Jagutek's became available for use it was full steam ahead, and J-Tek began operations in the first quarter of 2009.

The business is thriving and the number of customers on the J-Tek database continues to rise week by week. J-Tek's skilled, highly-trained and fully accomplished technicians offer a full range of services that include routine servicing and repairs, major repair work, air conditioning maintenance, re-charging and sanitisation, tyre fitting and wheel alignment while you wait.

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Walking into a service and repair garage can sometimes be a daunting prospect, especially for those who may not be that conversant with the internal workings of a motor vehicle. Even in this day and age female customers can often feel a little intimidated as the motor industry can still seem to be very much dominated by males. At J-Tek and sister firm, Jagutek, you'll find a warm, pleasant and



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Isle of Ely weather storm

SIXTEEN Isle of Ely Rowing Club crews were in action again last weekend competing in the second leg of the Cambridge Winter League Head Race on the River Cam.

Despite the freezing cold and even a blizzard at one point, every one of the Ely crews recorded faster times than their opening-round performances in January.

"All the winter training is paying off," club captain Jo Cotgrove said. "These times are very encouraging and it's great that we have such a diverse mix of competitors ranging from junior 14 girls through to Veteran D rowers, all representing the club."

The Isle of Ely Rowing Club has a strong junior section and again fielded no fewer than three women's junior quad crews.

The women's junior 15 crew were 1min 17sec faster than in last month's race, while the two other junior crews continued to battle it out, and now lie in first and second positions overall in the women's quad event, beating even women's senior crews.

Just two seconds separate the J17 and the J14 crews.

"It's going to be exciting to see which crew pulls off the fastest time in the third and final leg of the Winter League race in two weeks' time," said Ellen Bridges, who coxed both quads. "It will come down to which crew wants to win the most – and I'll be doing my best for both crews!"

» Rowing

The junior 14 crew of Libby Milne, Phoebe Bradbury, Laura Sibson and Nell Freeman had all raced in earlier divisions in other Ely crews prior to their J14 quad race, proving their determination to build fitness levels in the run-up to the Eastern Regional Trials at Norwich next weekend.

Two other girls junior 14s, Kate Every (stroke) and Lydia Sandercock (bow), were racing together in a double and improved their time by 1.29 as both girls put in a gutsy performance and worked well to race so much faster.

Representing the senior members, the club eight, stroked by Trevor Littlewood lies in 34th position overall across the two legs of the race. The eight beat its previous course time by 1.20.

The men's pair of Wilcox and Dolby recorded a faster time too, lowering their January time by 1.19.

The men's coxless quad, steered by Mark Goddard, was also faster, crossing the finishing line 1.07 ahead of its previous time.

Senior scullers Andrew Turton, Ella Turton and Jo Cotgrove all raced in two or more divisions during the morning and improved on their single and double sculling results.

All the Ely crews will be in action again for the third and final leg of the Cambridge Winter League on March 7.



Braving the elements: Isle of Ely's Women's Junior Quad racing in the second leg of the Cambridge Winter League. From left, Laura Sibson, Heidi Fitchett, Maddie McCulloch, Tamsin Wade and Adam Hebbard (cox) CP

Munden weaves his magic

Witchford 7 Steeple Bumpstead 0

BW KEMPTON 9V9 LEAGUE, UNDER-11B

WITCHFORD returned to action after a 10-week lay-off to record another victory at home to Bumpstead.

The hosts showed no early signs of rustiness as they quickly gained a three-goal advantage with goals from Callum Munden, Joe Leyland and Ben Lymer.

Bumpstead found it difficult to get out of their own half as Munden completed his hat-trick before the break.

After the interval, Bumpstead took control of the game as Witchford showed signs of tiredness, but they failed to get the goal their effort and endeavour deserved.

A couple of rare second-half forays saw Witchford extend their lead with further strikes from Munden and Lymer.

Witchford: Alex Matcham, Sam Brewer, Keiron Reed, Ryan Pettitt, Henry Border, Jack Curtis, Callum Munden, Adam Jay, Luca Philo, Joe Leyland, Ben Lymer.

Willingham Wolves 1 Ely Crusaders 12

CAMBRIDGESHIRE MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-11B

CRUSADERS' strength in depth was evident as six separate scorers

» Youth football

combined for a big victory at Willingham. Ely's ability to pass the ball around on a firm surface proved too much for the home defence and their dominance soon turned into goals.

Sam Felton, Anthony Riches, Jacob Waters, Jordan Marston and James Barrett all claimed one each and a Lewis Hook brace saw Crusaders to a 7-0 half-time lead

With such a good advantage the Ely management team took the opportunity to experiment with the team's formation, however with some of the players taking a little time to settle into unfamiliar roles the flow of the game slowed.

Eventually Felton, Marston, Riches and Waters all claimed a second goal each, and with Hook firing home to claim a hat-trick, Ely had moved well into double figures before Willingham scored a late consolation.

Crusaders: Barrett, Butler, Felton, Frodsham, Funnell, Hook, Jones, Leech, Marston, Pettit, Riches, Spittles, Waters.

Witchford 3 Walpole Warriors 1

CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LGE, UNDER-12C

WITCHFORD had beaten the Walpole

team in the cup on penalties before Christmas, but went a goal down early on and struggled to win possession on a cold, damp morning.

A number of shots went wide before Davie Thompson managed to equalise and this motivated the Witchford boys and a better team performance shone through.

Thompson managed to put two more strikes into the net for Witchford to take the win.

Littleport Tn 5 Cambridge Diamonds 1

CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LGE, UNDER-11B

IT took just four minutes for Alfie Oakman to open the scoring for Littleport on a difficult water-sodden pitch, with Josh Clarke and Keane Whittaker adding to the tally before the break. Cambridge Diamonds started the second half in fighting spirit and soon pulled a goal back.

Port had to dig deep, with Bailey Yearn and Sam Quarrier breaking up the Diamonds attack at every opportunity. Port's fourth goal was an own goal, but Tyler Hines, later voted player of the match, scored a fifth with time up on the clock.

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Cobras tie whets the appetite

FEN Tigers boss John Adams believes the prospect of facing Rye House in the Knockout Cup quarter-finals will give his riders enough motivation to overcome Buxton in the first round.

Mildenhall were paired with the third division stalwarts when the draw took place this week, with the winners tackling the beefed-up Cobras.

As with last season when the Tigers drew local rivals King's Lynn, supporters will relish the challenge of meeting one of their fiercest enemies.

Adams said: "The tie gives us every incentive to get through and have what would be a mouth-watering tie. It is one we will be doing everything to push to get there."

With fixtures due to be released imminently, Adams took time out to cast his eye over the strength of his 10 National League opponents.

"It promises to be a very good season," he said.

» Speedway

"Last year you could predict that two or three teams would dominate, and that proved to be the case.

"But this year every team looks competitive and we will need to step up to the plate if we are going to achieve any silverware because it is going to be much tighter.

"The club has come on leaps and bounds in the past 12 months and there is so much interest in us now, which is very pleasing.

"We are going to have a fuller season with two big showpiece meetings, so it's all good for the supporters."

Meanwhile, former King's Lynn sponsors Art and Stitch have switched allegiances by becoming a main team sponsor of the West Row outfit.



» Football

Common sense a must – Lightning

DENNIS Lightning is demanding more common sense from referees after being left flabbergasted by George Sprague's decision to postpone Ely's home clash with Felixstowe & Walton on Saturday.

The Robins' manager felt Sprague was wrong to call off the Rigeons League, Premier Division match because of an unfit pitch at the Unwin Ground.

And the boss believes his side's home patch is no worse than the vast majority of pitches in Mid-Anglia, which are in poor condition due to the recent spells of bad weather.

"I was disgusted," said Lightning. "We all thought it was playable and some of their players had arrived and thought it was playable, but he (Sprague) wouldn't listen and called it off."

"There are a lot of costs involved putting a game on at our level and I thought his decision was out of order."

"The Felixstowe coach was five minutes away and I thought he should have waited to speak to both managers and sets of players."

"We could have had a game of football."

"If he wants to find a perfect pitch to have a game on then he won't referee another game this season. Lots of pitches are mudheaps at the moment because of the weather."

» Premier Division table

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CRC	26	21	4	1	73	16	67
Needham Market	26	19	5	2	59	21	62
Leiston	28	19	3	6	66	31	60
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Felixstowe & W	23	10	5	8	32	43	35
Dereham Town	26	10	4	12	42	46	34
Wroxham	19	9	5	5	33	25	32
Newmarket Town	25	9	3	13	43	42	30
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Ely City	25	8	5	12	35	46	29
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Norwich United	26	6	8	12	41	47	26
Hadleigh United	24	6	7	11	29	48	25
Histon Res	24	7	4	13	36	58	24
Woodbridge Tn	27	2	1	24	25	80	7
Wivenhoe Town	23	0	3	20	12	64	3

"Felixstowe will now have to come here on a Tuesday night, and that's hard at our level. These sorts of things could be avoided if referees used common sense."

The Cambridgeshire FA's deputy chief executive and county referees' secretary Richard Nichols defended Sprague for postponing the fixture.

"George is an experienced official and he would have taken all the circumstances into account before arriving at his decision," said Nichols.

He added Sprague had made contact with Ely on Friday evening and told them he was available for an early-morning pitch inspection on Saturday if they had concerns over the playing surface.

City travel to Norwich United on Saturday.



Not happy: Ely City manager Dennis Lightning was left bemused by the referee's decision to call off Saturday's match

Winter strikes again...

THE winter chill hit again at the weekend with a number of sporting fixtures falling victim to the weather.

Soham Town Rangers' match at Bedworth in Zamaretto League, Division One Midlands was postponed because the Warwickshire team's home ground was covered in snow.

Scott Carter scored both the Greens' goals but it was not enough as they were defeated 3-2 by Wisbech Town in the semi-finals of the Cambs Invitation Cup on Tuesday evening.

Soham host Aylesbury in the league on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Ely rugby team's fixture against Southwold in Eastern Counties League, Division One was called off due to a waterlogged pitch at the Tigers' Downham Road ground.

Mark Mitzman's side are due to host Newmarket in derby clash on Saturday.



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» Hockey

Jolley good times as Ely do double

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DAN Jolley hit a hat-trick of goals as Ely City completed the league double against top-half side Ipswich & East Suffolk.

Having won their previous encounter before Christmas, Ely started brightly and created several scoring chances throughout the early stages of the game, but failed to find the finishing touch.

Eventually, the hosts opened the scoring through Dan Jolley to go into the half-time break with a slim lead despite having the majority of the play in the

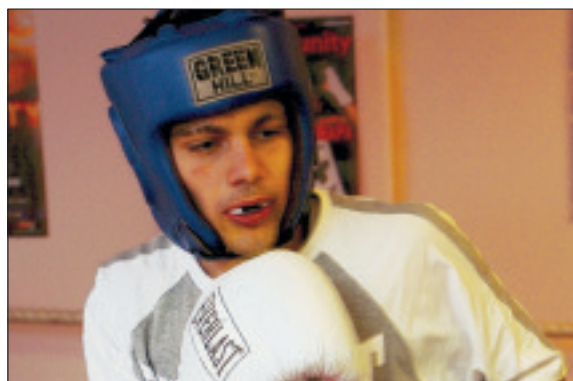
first half. Ely appeared switched back on in the second half and a goal-spree midway through the period, with two further strikers from Jolley and a brace for in-form Tommy Hugo put Ely out of sight.

And a rare foray up front from skipper Chris Purlant allowed a short-corner drag flick to be despatched with ease. The visitors pulled a goal back from an Ely failure to clear the ball but never really troubled the solid Ely defence.

Ely travel to City of Peterborough on Saturday and anticipate a tough game against another team residing in the top half of the table.

» Boxing

Tyler puts But out



HADDENHAM ABC's Tyler Goodjohn hammered Ben Butler, of Shoreham's Adur ABC, 11-1 on points in the first national round at under-71kg to move into the last eight at the NACYP

Championships. An Olympic hopeful for the 2012 London Games, Goodjohn (above) was always in command despite Butler being a constantly moving target.

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